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Tactical vote will aid Tories says Kinnock

Election rally call to Labour candidates

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock last night launchedhis party's general election campaign with a direct appeal to floating voters to back Labour as the only means of ejecting the Conservatives from office.

The Labour leader also issued a warning against the "fruit machine politics" of tactical voting.

Mr Kinnock, who along with other Labour leaders was using a big rally of Labour supporters in Northampton to lift the party from its recent depression, confronted head-on the argument advanced by some in his own party that tactical voting should be employed to defeat Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Making clear that his remarks were aimed at the "anti- Conservative majority of the British people", the Labour leader said: "If you vote Labour you will defeat the Tory government. If you vote Liberal, SDP, nationalist or anything more exotic you may — you just may — dislodge a few Tory MPs.

"But I ask people: are you really willing to make such a gamble, take such a risk, go for such a flutter on the future of our country?

"Are you really willing to play such fruit-machine politics, just hoping that enough people in enough places will spontaneously, coincidentally, and in the secrecy of the ballot booth, vote together to turn out the Tories?

"There is only one party that can gain from such a national lottery — and that is the Tory Party."

Mr Kinnock's rallying call came shortly after about 300 of Labour's parliamentary candidates had been briefed on election strategy by Mr Bryan Gould, the party's chief campaign co-ordinator.

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He told them not to be dismayed by the polls, that public opinion was highly volatile, and that there was everything to play for. The message was that the campaign is under way and that they should not wait for Mrs Thatcher to press the button.

Today the Prime Minister is to brief Conservative candidates from all over England at a private session in Birmingham, a further pointer to an election in June.

Mr Kinnock and his colleagues, although obviously worried about their party's standing in the polls, have opted, on the assumption that there will be a June election, to fight a long campaign in the hope that by repeating it often enough Labour's message will gradually get across and help it to eat into the big Conservative lead.

The "red rose" rally was planned as a morale-boosting occasion, and produced a series of upbeat contributions from leading Labour figures.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, set the tone when he said: "Tonight is a celebration. Tonight we meet to rejoice that the confrontation with Conservatives — which we have worked for, waited for, longed for since 1983 — is about to begin."

Mr Hattersley said he did not claim that they already held victory in the palm of their hands. But victory was within their grasp.

"When Labour speaks for the people of this country, understanding their fears as well as sharing their hopes, our triumph is irresistible."

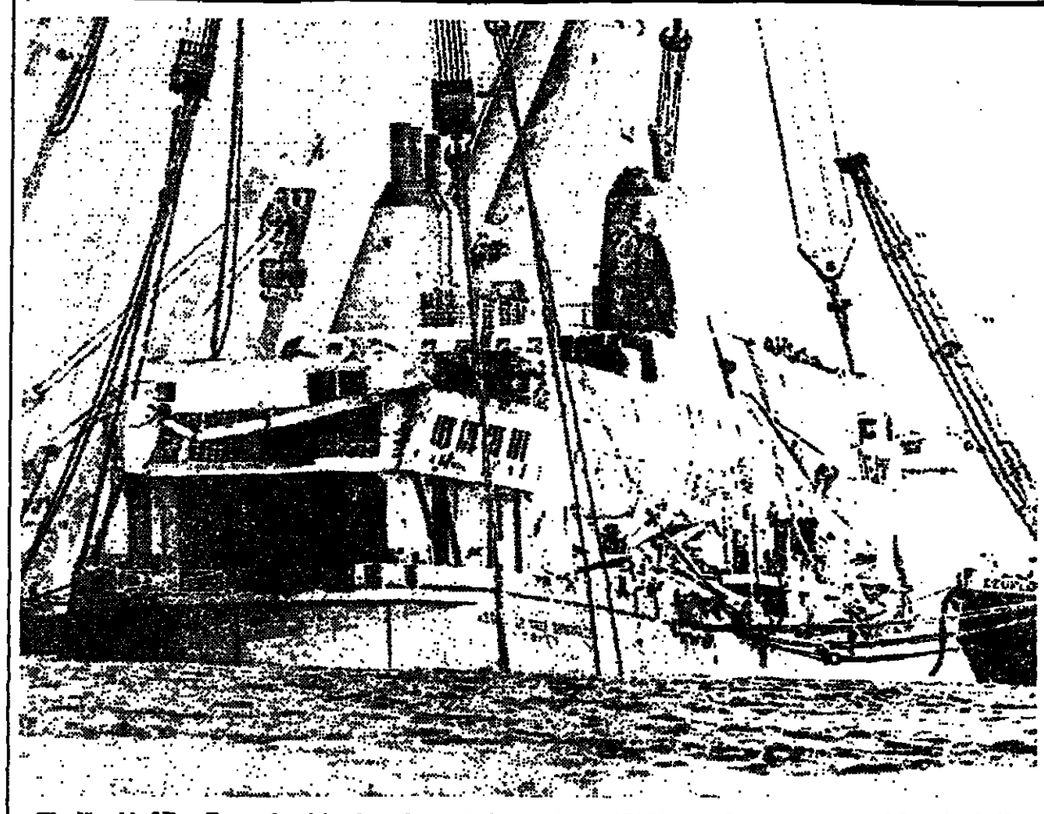
He reiterated that Labour's manifesto would "make no promises that we cannot keep ... promise no spending that we cannot afford."

Mr Kinnock said the election would present choices more stark than at any time for 50 years. People would have to decide whether they wanted their country to be a manufacturing economy or a warehouse economy, to have a welfare state or a poor-law state, whether they wanted their country to be united or divided.

But Mr Kinnock admitted that what they were less certain about was how they could best achieve that result; who did they vote for to halt Thatcherism in its tracks, to stop the rot?

"The answer to that question is that only Labour can prevent the return of a Thatcher government. Only Labour can stop more of the same as the last eight years."

Refloated Herald ready to return to Zeebrugge



The Herald of Free Enterprise rising from the sea-bed yesterday as 15,000 tons of water was pumped from her hull.

3 die in Channel ferry collision

By Rodney Cowton in London and Diana Geddes in Paris

Three French trawlermen were killed yesterday when their vessel sank after a collision with the stern of a British cross-Channel ferry at Boulogne. It was the third incident involving a ferry in seven weeks.

Five people from the trawler were picked out of the water after other fishing boats, a Customs launch and a port lifeboat came to their rescue. Only one needed hospital treatment. All the fishermen came from the nearby village of Etaples.

There were no injuries aboard the ferry, the Hengist, operated by Sealink British Ferries, which was carrying 47 passengers, six cars and three freight vehicles. The ferry was undamaged.

The collision happened at 8.30 am as the ferry was reversing after leaving its berth to return to Folkestone.

Mr Nicholas Stevens, a spokesman for Sealink, said that at the time the vessel had still been under control of the port authorities. It had been almost stationary after completing its turn, and the trawler had simply run into the back of it.

French port authorities said that the 3,000-ton ferry had backed out of the inner harbour and was doing its normal half-turn They said that the 72 ft fishing boat, La Glorieuse Vierge Marie II, which was returning from a night's fishing in the Channel, should not have been in the ferry's course.

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The vessel capsized less than a mile outside the harbour and, to date, 176 bodies have been recovered. The Royal Navy team were scheduled to return to the ship early this morning to begin the search for up to 20 victims still listed as missing

The Navy team and their Belgian colleagues are expected to start the main, systematic search later today when the bow doors are opened.

Any rescue work, however, is dependent on the vessel, believed to be carrying hazardous chemicals, being given the all-clear by Belgian health authorities.

The refloating operation got under way early yesterday when a 15-degree list was corrected. At 4 o'clock afternoon the Dutch salvage team started pumping out 15,000 tons of water.

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Natal court overturns reporting restrictions

From Michael Hornsby, Durban

Most of the curbs on press, radio and television coverage of unrest and action by the security forces in South Africa, imposed on December 11 last year under the state of emergency, were quashed yesterday by the Natal division of the Supreme Court, sitting in Pietermaritzburg.

The landmark judgement, which runs to 116 pages, appears to mean that all journalists are once again free to enter black areas and to report on riots, demonstrations and other forms of protest, and on any counter-action taken by the police or Army, without first getting official permission.

Lawyers representing the state gave notice that they intended to lodge an appeal against the judgement with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Bloemfontein, in the Orange Free State, which is the highest court in the land. It is not yet clear when the appeal will be heard.

There was confusion last night about whether the decision to appeal meant that the judgement was suspended until the outcome of the appeal was known. While some lawyers said the judgement was effective immediately, others were advising foreign television crews to exercise caution.

Although the judgement was handed down in the Natal division of the Supreme Court, it applies throughout the country. That situation would change only if another provincial division of the Supreme Court was asked to rule on the same matter and came to a different conclusion.

The case was brought to court by South Africa's biggest anti-apartheid organization still operating above ground, the United Democratic Front (UDF), which hailed the judgement as a famous victory. "The main body of the regulations curtailing news coverage has been smashed," the UDF's jubilant treasurer, Mr Azhad Cachalia, said last night.

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Mr Justice Neville Page, reading the judgement, also ruled that the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, did not have the power to expand the definition of a "subversive statement" beyond those set out in the December 11 proclamation.

This means that a decree issued this month, prohibiting any public campaign against detention without trial, has been declared null and void. The ban aroused a storm of protest from local civil rights campaigners and from foreign governments.

The court argued that President P. W. Botha, the ultimate source of the emergency regulations, and General Coetzee had exceeded their powers. It also struck down definitions of "unrest" and "security force action" in the emergency regulations as unreasonably vague.

It remains an offence to make, or report in any form, various kinds of "subversive statements", including those intended to incite people to take part in boycotts, politically-motivated work "stay-aways' and acts of civil disobedience, or to avoid military service.

The judgement also says that it is no longer against the law to disclose in advance "the time, date, place and purpose" of a restricted gathering, but it remains an offence to report any speech or statement made at such a gathering.

To the extent that the judgement only finds fault with the wording of some of the censorship regulations, it is possible that the state's lawyers could come up fairly quickly with a revised version which would satisfy the

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Divers go into ferry again

By David Sapsted

Royal Navy divers were due to begin the search early today for the remaining bodies still on board the Herald of Free Enterprise, which was finally refloated last night and nursed back to the port of Zeebrugge.

Her return, flanked by two floating cranes to keep her upright and towed by four tugs, came exactly seven weeks after the Townsend Thoresen ferry had left the port with 543 passengers and crew on board.

The vessel capsized less than a mile outside the harbour and, to date, 176 bodies have been recovered. The Royal Navy team were scheduled to return to the ship early this morning to begin the search for up to 20 victims still listed as missing

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Seventeen injured in explosion

Seventeen people, including nine US servicemen, were injured when a bomb exploded near the Piraeus central market damaging a bus which was carrying Greek and American military personnel to an American Air Force base

Chess a tie

World champion Gary Kasparov (USSR) and the Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubojevic have tied for the £9,000 first prize in the SWIFT super-tournament at Brussels.

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GEC venture

General Electric Company (GEC) and Philips of Holland are setting up the world's biggest medical electronics venture. GEC may invest £120 million .....Page 23

Double winner

The new vintage claret is an excellent buy for those wishing to imbibe — and to invest

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Election hint lifts pound and shares

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Prime Minister's hint that she would soon be calling an election sent shares and the pound sharply higher yesterday. Pressure for another cut in interest rates began to build which could provide a further support for the Government.

At the same time the dollar resumed its steep fall in foreign exchange markets dropping below the psychologically-important Y140 mark.

Yesterday Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, emphasized that the central banks of the Group of Seven leading industrial countries continued to stand behind the Paris agreement to stabilize exchange rates. But market traders were saying that the agreement had now largely been overtaken by events.

The contrast between events in London and New York provoked some excited comment in the City. Mr David Wileman of stockbrokers Capel-Cure Myers said: "For the first time this week we have seen sterling rising strongly as the dollar falls and gilt-edged prices decoupled from US bonds. This is a momentous change."

Enthusiasm for sterling has grown as international investors, particularly the Japanese, have become disillusioned with the dollar and switched their attentions to Europe. The British economy is expected to grow the fastest of the G7 countries this year at 3 per cent or more.

Sterling closed in London yesterday 2 cents higher against the dollar at $1.6545 in spite of Bank of England intervention to slow its rise. Against the mark it fell 1 pfennig to DM.2.9591 while the effective exchange rate index closed 0.2 higher at 72.7.

The strength of sterling created renewed pressure for a further cut in interest rates. In the money markets the bellwether 3-month interbank rate fell 1/16 to 9 11/16-9 5/8 per cent.

Although this does not yet indicate a cut in base rates from the present level of 10 per cent, further strength in the pound is likely to increase the pressure for another cut to follow the ½ point before the Budget and the ½ point since.

In the stock market the FT 30 share index closed 25.7 up at 1580.9 in strong contrast to the 44-point drop by the afternoon on Wall Street. British Telecom, which Labour has promised to renationalize on unfavourable terms, officially explained its rise to the New York Stock Exchange authorities by saying that investors were expecting the imminent re-election of Mrs Thatcher.

Gilts rose by up to a point while US long bonds fell by up to 1 3/8 points.

Silver rose strongly to almost three-year highs of $9.40 per ounce in London yesterday on Peru's decision to suspend exports — and concern over the dollar. This led gold to its best performance in London for four years at $465 per ounce.

Report on Brent 'vindicates' Baker

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Pupils, parents and ratepayers are getting a raw deal from the education service in the London borough of Brent, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday.

He was commenting on the publication of a report on the Labour-controlled authority's schools by Her Majesty's Inspectors.

Mr Baker said: "It is the most disturbing report I have read for it describes a gravely sub-standard education service.

"It shows how parents and pupils in Brent are paying the price for the authority's irrelevant policies and incompetent management."

He said the report entirely vindicated his decision to send in the inspectors "because of the immense and mounting public concern about what was alleged to be going on there".

Although the report finds serious problems in Brent, it concludes that "much of the work actually taking place in schools is reasonably organized and conducted by teachers and equally reasonably responded to by pupils".

It says that there is "little evidence that the work is

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being distorted by improper practices to do with anti-sexist and anti-racist policies".

Mr Giles Radice, the Labour spokesman on education, accused Mr Baker of scoring cheap political points.

He said that while the inspectors' report was fair and balanced, Mr Baker's response to it had been anything but that.

Miss Merle Amory, the leader of the council, said Brent would respond positively to the report's findings.

Mr Baker has given the authority until the end of June to do so.

Another snooker drug test positive

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

Tests for beta-blockers on an unnamed professional snooker player have proved positive, it was revealed yesterday. The positive test was taken at a tournament before the current world championships in Sheffield, where on Thursday Neal Foulds, aged 23, the number 13 seed, admitted he was taking the drug on a doctor's prescription.

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association cannot yet say who is the player taking the drug, as secret numbers have yet to be checked against names.

The Times disclosed last week that two older players had previously taken the drug, over the last 15 months.

The use of beta-blockers is banned, even with a prescrip-

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Rachel Macmillan died after 'night on town'

By Ruth Gledhill

Rachel Macmillan, the granddaughter of the late Lord Stockton, the former Prime Minister, died after a night "on the town" which she hoped would help her to forget about a failed relationship, a friend said yesterday.

The man in whose arms she died, hours after she was robbed at knifepoint on her way to her home in London, said: "The relationship was not working out. She had been seeing someone in the music business.

"She would have loved it to have developed into a meaningful relationship but the man concerned was not so keen."

He added: "She literally slipped away in my arms. We were close friends. I was not her boyfriend."

A post-mortem examination by Dr Richard Shepherd, a pathologist, yesterday failed to establish the cause of Miss Macmillan's death.

Scotland Yard said: "We are now awaiting results of laboratory tests, but nothing suspicious was found and we are not treating it as a suspicious death."

Miss Macmillan's brother, Alexander Macmillan, the publisher, who became the second Lord Stockton on his grandfather's death last December, said he believed that she died after choking on her own vomit.

He said he did not believe that Miss Macmillan had taken a drugs overdose or a lethal combination of drink and drugs.

Lord Stockton said she had gone out after supper on Tuesday night and that she would have drunk some alcohol.

"But I certainly don't think she was drunk and incapable or she would not have been able to walk round to the police station to make a full statement about the robbery".

He was angry over reports that Miss Macmillan might have taken a drugs overdose, or died of a combination of drugs and alcohol. "I can categorically state that Rachel did not take drugs", he said. "It would be entirely out of character for her to mix drink and drugs."

Lord Stockton, speaking at the headquarters of his publishing company in London, said that Miss Macmillan, who was "particularly close" to her grandfather, was an alcoholic who had been trying to give up drinking for four years. She had been into treatment centres outside London twice.

He described his sister as "a vivacious, enthusiastic, amusing, entertaining girl who adored all of us and who we all adored".

The friend, an interior designer who asked to be known only as Cedric, said that Miss Macmillan frequently went to the Limelight nightclub in the West End and that she and her flat-mate

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Police say man could kill again

Detectives trying to trace a man who stabbed a woman to death then chased a witness and stabbed a man in the chest said yesterday that he could kill again.

They are looking for Michael Dunbar, aged 29, after the killing of Mrs Joy Correy, aged 36, in Stalybridge, Greater Manchester, on Thursday night after she intervened in an argument between him and another woman.

Mr Michael Housley, a neighbour aged 39, said the man ran through his house, stabbing him in the chest as he went. The blade was caught by a rib and prevented from causing serious injury. Mr Housley was released from hospital yesterday after treatment.

Girl was not drugged

Forensic science tests have found no trace of drugs or alcohol in the body of Shani Warren, aged 26, the secretary who was left to drown in a Buckinghamshire lake after being bound and gagged (Our Crime Reporter writes).

Police were hoping the tests might explain the lack of any sign of a struggle, either when she was bound or when she was thrown in to the lake at Taplow. The presence of drugs or a lot of drink would have meant she had been unconscious.

Her car was parked in a lay-by, and it is thought possible that it had broken down. The car keys and a purse are missing but other personal items incinding a credit card were found near by.

Fears for museum

Britain's oldest public museum, the Ashmolean at Oxford, is in danger of closing, it was said yesterday.

The museum's director, Dr Christopher White, confirmed that he is being forced to consider closure because of a mounting financial crisis.

Dr White decided to speak out about the uncertain future facing the museum, founded 304 years ago, because he fears few people realize how close the nation is to losing one of its treasures because of cuts in university funding.

Clean-up campaign

A special corruption hotline to wipe out council "back-handers" is to be set up by Liverpool's new Liberal rulers.

They are asking the public to report council representatives demanding money for favours.

The confidential telephone line will be answered by a senior officer of the city solicitor's unit.

Mr Paul Clark, chairman of Liverpool Liberal Party, said he had been perturbed by deals made by the council under Labour which appeared to have been irregular.

Hatton incident

Police were called to eject Mr Derek Hatton, Liverpool's deposed former deputy leader, from the city's council buildings yesterday after an alleged disagreement between him and Sir Trevor Jones, the new leader.

Sir Trevor said: "I was told he was using the photocopier and he was asked to leave". Mr Hatton said later that he had been there on business and denied using the photocopier.

Merseyside police said that they had been asked to evict Derek Hatton but all was quiet when they arrived.



Alarm on bombs

West Midlands police yesterday expressed alarm at the increasing number of petrol bomb attacks on officers by hooligans.

On Thursday night a petrol bomb was hurled at a patrol car and exploded behind the vehicle as it passed a group of youths in the Castle Vale area of Birmingham. Other missiles were also thrown and the car's windows were smashed.

This follows a series of incidents involving petrol bombs in Erdington, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton.

Remand request

Swedish lawyers yesterday requested that a British Army captain remanded in prison on drug smuggling charges a month ago be held for another 30 days pending further investigation.

Captain Simon Hayward, has claimed he was the "victim of a conspiracy" and said he will appeal against the request. A decision will be taken by a court on Monday. Captain Hayward, arrested when police found 50kg of cannabis in his car, faces up to 12 years in jail if convicted.

Personal records Bill clears first hurdle

The right to examine personal education, housing and social service records came one step nearer yesterday when MPs approved a private member's Bill. The Access to Personal Files Bill now goes to the House of Lords which is expected to give it a sympathetic reception. But it could fall victim to a June general election because of lack of time.

The Bill completed by the Commons yesterday was a toned down version of the original, brought in by Mr Archy Kirkwood, MP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire. To safeguard its passage through the Commons, the Liberal MP has seen the right to examine medical, banking and Whitehall files removed.

Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, said although the Government could not impose the burden on doctors of patients' access to medical records, he supported voluntary agreements.

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Schools in Brent dogged by 'weak leadership'

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Schools in the London borough of Brent are not doing their basic job of educating pupils effectively, efficiently and conscientiously.

That is the main conclusion of a long report published yesterday by her Majesty's Inspectors who spent six months studying 21 schools in the Labour-controlled authority.

The inspection was carried out at the request of Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, after what the inspectors call "much public sound and fury" had given the "strong impression that education in Brent was in serious straits".

Although the inspectors say they identified some serious weaknesses in the quality of teaching attributable to low expectations and a lack of professional planning, they also state that most Brent pupils receive adequate schooling even if it is too frequently dull and undemanding and its quality varies too greatly from school to school.

The report says: "Much of the work actually taking place in schools and colleges is reasonably organized and conducted by teachers and equally reasonably responded to by pupils and students".

Of the vexed question of anti-racist and anti-sexist education, the inspectors say there was little evidence that work in classrooms, lecture rooms and libraries was being distorted by improper practices.

"In most schools and subjects the response to ethnic and cultural diversity has been sensitive and helpful." However, they do record a good deal of unease and suspicion surrounding the implementation of anti-racist policies.

They conclude that the serious problems affecting education in Brent are not centred on race and gender as yet but are more fundamental.

They fall into two categories: the weak and inefficient way the service is managed and run both by administrators and many head teachers; and the low expectations that too many incompetent teachers have of their pupils, especially those who are black.

The background, the inspectors emphasize, is one of severe social and economic disadvantage. The 34,000 pupils in Brent schools speak more than 200 different languages; the borough has the third highest number of pupils entitled to free school meals; youth unemployment is heavy, and most pupils are black or Asian.

At the same time, however, Brent spends more per pupil than almost any other authority.

The inspectors say there is a strong connection between the poor quality of much of the teaching they saw and the bad behaviour of pupils. Pupils were not being stimulated or challenged enough and therefore behaved poorly.

Although they considered that half the secondary schools were performing competently overall, they say that too many pupils at all levels of ability were insufficiently stretched and their overall performance was below what might be expected.

RUC asks for Army cover as twelfth officer is murdered

By Richard Ford

The Government's security policy in Northern Ireland was criticized last night after the killing of the twelfth member of the security forces this year during the Provisional IRA's renewed onslaught.

Unionist politicians and the Police Federation, representing 11,000 rank-and-file members of the force, demanded greater involvement by the Army to deal with an upsurge in violence in which terrorists are striking at "soft targets" out walking the beat or off duty.

They also questioned whether normal civil law was capable of dealing with a terrorist campaign rejuvenated since last year when large numbers of men convicted on the evidence of informers were released by the Court of Appeal.

The Provisionals have reorganized and in Belfast and Londonderry are under orders to produce results after their political wing's poor showing in the Irish Republic's general election.

There is also the need to reassure their more militaristic supporters that increasing involvement in politics is not at the expense of the bomb and the bullet.

As a shocked Londonderry police division mourned the death of Sergeant Tom Cooke, senior RUC officers reviewed tactics and methods of providing greater protection and reassurance to men on and off duty.

They also appealed for greater support from the community in carrying out what they described as a sometimes nearly "impossible task".

A statement from RUC headquarters indicated the anger within the force at people who criticize it in "blatantly sectarian and political terms."

It also criticized, without naming them, some members of the Social Democratic and Labour Party and leading Roman Catholic clergy for "ambivalent attitudes to the police and the Army".

The statement said: "There is an overdue need for people, and particularly people in positions of power and influence, to say clearly without 'ifs' and 'buts' that these organizations stand totally condemned and that the good of the community lies in support for the lawfully constituted, democratic forces of law and order."

While the statement was being issued detectives at Castlereagh holding centre in Belfast questioned three men in their twenties who were detained in the Bogside area of Londonderry in connection with the latest killing.

Sergeant Cooke, aged 52, a married man with three teenage children, was a crime prevention officer in the city. He was shot dead as he left its golf club after a regular Thursday evening drink.

The terrorists had monitored his movements and set up their ambush by holding a family hostage and taking their car shortly before the shooting.

Mr George Jackson, who was in the club at the time, said: "I heard up to eight shots being fired outside the building. I thought it was someone banging to get in but then someone shouted Mr Cooke had been shot."

Detectives are linking his killing with the murder of two RUC officers and a prison instructor at Magee College in Londonderry and the killing of two RUC reservists patrolling the seaside resort of Portrush, Co Antrim, within the past five weeks.

Mr Alan Wright, chairman of the Police Federation, said his members were alarmed at the unacceptable level of violence and called for an upgrading in the quality of the security policy and more assistance from the Army.

But providing greater protection for the RUC is a big dilemma in the face of the upsurge in Provisional IRA activity designed to undermine the RUC's morale, drive them from a strategy of putting more men on the beat and give the impression that the terrorists can strike almost at will across the province.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, defended the Government's security policy but admitted that it was immensely difficult to stop individual incidents.

Police officers have been given advice on personal protection since it became clear that the terrorists were increasing their attacks on officers considered "soft targets" operating in areas such as the seaside resorts of Newcastle and Portrush, which have the nearest Northern Ireland knows to normal policing.

Paisley statement

Sell-out of 'loyalists' claim

The Rev Ian Paisley said yesterday that the recent meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference had been a "watershed" at which a number of decisions on a hidden agenda had been taken.

He urged Northern Ireland's "loyalists" to prepare for a fight saying they had been sold out at the meeting.

The leader of the Democratic Unionist Party claimed that Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish Republic's minister for foreign affairs, had been allowed to announce a new security task force to prove that Fianna Fail was stronger on security than the previous coalition government.

He said a new code of conduct for the RUC had been finalized and that there would be 50 per cent Roman Catholic membership of a new independent police complaints authority.

Sir John Hermon, the RUC chief constable, had agreed that his officers would not carry weapons near the coffins at paramilitary funerals, Mr Paisley claimed and that a concession on the Irish Republic's demands for three judges instead of one in Diplock courts would be made after the next general election when Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone ceased to be Lord Chancellor.

A spokesman for the Northern Ireland Office said they had examined the allegations made by Mr Paisley and "found each and every one of them factually untrue".



Rachel Macmillan, who was upset over a failed relationship.

Macmillan death 'after night out'

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had planned to go to a keep-fit class the day she died.

He disclosed that she suffered from a bronchial infection that gave her frequent breathing problems when asleep. "She has been clean from drugs for a long time", he added.

He said that the flat-mate went to call Miss Macmillan's mother, Katharine, Lady Macmillan of Ovenden, aged 65, who lives near her daughter's flat in Pimlico, south-west London.

"While Marilyn was telephoning Rachel came to. She was half awake, she saw me but she did not say anything. I had my arms around her, and suddenly I felt her slip away from me".

Miss Macmillan, a former rock band manager, went out with friends on Tuesday night after dinner and, as she set out to return home, got into a car she believed to be a minicab. She was robbed at knifepoint of her handbag containing cash, keys, credit cards and the jewellery she was wearing.

Police said they were seeking three men in connection with the robbery which happened at 4.15am on the Mozart Estate in Kensington.

Miss Macmillan was separated from her husband, Mr Leith Corbett, a record producer, who lives abroad, but retained her maiden name.

The Macmillan family was touched by tragedy 22 years ago when Miss Macmillan's brother Joshua died aged 20 from a drugs and alcohol overdose in his room at Balliol College, Oxford, in 1965.

In 1978 Miss Macmillan gave evidence at Inner London Crown Court which helped to smash a high society drugs ring.

Top pay awards anger strikers

The Government's pay awards to the nurses and senior Civil Servants has infuriated the other white-collar Civil Service unions on strike.

The unions yesterday made clear that industrial action would not end with a "sudden jolt" after the six-week rolling strike ends on May 15.

Mr Terry Ainsworth, acting general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, said: "The Government can rest assured that the unions have planned an inspired case of strike action beyond our six-week campaign.

"Unless the Treasury react to our demands for a better pay offer as they have to the nurses and other Civil Servants then there will definitely be a more bitter twist to this dispute."

The CPSA and the Society of Civil and Public Servants are taking selective strike action in favour of their pay claim of 15 per cent or £20 a week.

Although the 4.6 per cent pay award for the senior members of the Civil Service and judiciary is less than the full 4.8 per cent recommended by the Top Salaries Review Body, Mr Ainsworth said his members would be delighted with the same increase.

Mr Leslie Christie, general secretary of the SPCS, said both unions would be balloting their members on further strike action.

The present wave of strikes has cost the unions £2 million out of their possible £6 million strike fund. But an all-out strike would still be extremely costly.

Mr Ainsworth predicted that further strike action would probably concentrate on specific cities, closing Department of Health and Social Security and employment offices indefinately.

'Tactical' vote blow to Labour

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Labour Party suffered further embarrassment yesterday with the revelation that its own magazine is to call for electoral reform and tactical voting to mobilizethe anti-Thatcher movement.

Support for such tactics has been attacked by the party's hierarchy as tantamount to admitting that Labour alone cannot stop the Conservatives winning a third term.

Monday's *New Socialist* will warn Labour's leaders they can no longer afford to pretend the election will be a two-horse race by ignoring the Alliance and must adopt electoral reform as a device for isolating the Conservatives.

It follows calls by Mr Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, to use tactical voting to get out Mrs Thatcher and by Professor Eric Hobsbawm, the Marxist historian, to give priority to her defeat.

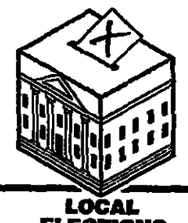
Mr Stuart Weir, the magazine's editor, argues that Labour must not wait until after the next election before grasping the issue of electoral reform.

"The party is still publicly committed to seeking to form a majority government and party leaders emphasize that only Labour has any real chance of providing an alternative government."

"The almost certain result of any such strategy is that Mrs Thatcher will again profit from the divisions of her enemies

Reading basks in oblivion as parties prepare battle

By a Staff Reporter



LOCAL ELECTIONS

Perhaps it was expecting too much to encounter local election fever on a lovely spring day in Reading's spanking new shopping centre.

Only one of the first half dozen people, diverted from their browsing, could name the date on which each of the town's 15 wards will elect one new borough councillor.

It was also news to most of them that Labour expects to gain the one extra seat it needs to secure overall control of the borough council it has been running, in effect, since May last year, sometimes with the help of a couple of Tory mavericks.

An outsider, wandering through the arcades, would need little persuading that Reading, the proud "capital of Royal Berkshire", is one of those southern boom towns where jobs apparently grow on trees.

It is, after all, at the very heart of the Thames Valley's "silicone belt", the growing conglomeration of high technology companies. What better yardstick of the attractions of the area than the rocketing price of houses, up by more than 20 per cent last year?

Yet although Reading has an jobless rate below the national average, there are wards where unemployment approaches 25 per cent.

That is as bad, according to Councillor Mike Orton, the Labour leader, as some of the worst black spots in Northern Ireland.

There is growing alarm about the sharply rising crime rate: Thames Valley is now one of the United Kingdom's 10 worst regions.

Mr Orton sounds unconcerned about the council-sponsored report which found recently that more than half the voters had no idea which party was in power locally.

"We've been able to implement a lot of our policies, especially around the council estates, but without any massive spending spree", he said.

Reading's Tories, who won a working majority on the council in 1984, are outwardly just as optimistic about the coming vote.

"The recent national opinion polls which extended the Conservative lead over other parties very much accord with our local canvassing returns", Councillor Geoff Canning, the Conservative leader, says.

New doubts raised on Westland affair

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Westland affair, which damaged Mrs Thatcher's Government and brought down two Cabinet ministers, resurfaced yesterday amid new claims of shady dealings.

The allegations link Lazard Brothers, Westland's financial advisers, with a Swiss merchant bank, Banque les Fils Dreyfus, which, it is said, was involved in the "concert party" illegally buying into the troubled helicopter company.

Dreyfus is believed to have acted as agent in Switzerland for Lazards for many years.

The secret share acquisition helped the American firm, Sikorsky, to win the battle between American and European concerns for control.

The controversy which raged over the Government's handling of the affair led to the resignations of Mr Michael Heseltine as Secretary of State for Defence, and of Mr Leon Brittan as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Mr Paul Channon, the present Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, refused to be drawn by Labour MPs to the dispatch box yesterday to make a statement on the revelations.

But the Department of Trade and Industry promised that any new evidence would be considered.

The next step is for the Commons' all-party trade and industry committee to decide on Wednesday whether to reopen its investigation into the Westland scandal in the light of the allegations, published in yesterday's *London Daily News*.

Mr Michael Bourne, managing director of Lazards, said: "We have nothing to add to the Westland story and today's article provides nothing new or relevant."

Dreyfus, based at Basle, said it was not its policy to comment on such stories.

Banks and industry unite to combat job blight

By Ian Smith

Industrialists and bankers united yesterday to establish a northern state to generate jobs and stimulate economic growth in a blighted region stretching from Merseyside to the Humber.

Planning teams will be set up to divert investment and job opportunities from the more prosperous South along a newly opened M62 corridor. Success, the group believes, could result in a twenty-first century Mersey-Humber city.

The idea is based on the successful regeneration of Massachusetts, an American state whose fortunes mirror those of the North.

Ten years ago it had suffered 25 years of industrial stagnation. More than 112,000 manufacturing jobs were lost, unemployment reached 15 per cent and taxes were the highest in the US.

Adoption of a national plan similar to that now proposed for the Mersey-Humber region brought about a dramatic change in Massachusetts' fortunes and now unemployment is the nation's lowest and taxes greatly reduced.

Eager for a similar transformation more than 200 civil and business leaders attended a Manchester seminar organized jointly by Manchester Polytechnic and the M62 Trans Pennine Club to compile a Mersey-Humber strategy.

Opening the seminar Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Employment, said the climate had seldom been better for an initiative to project the two great economic regions of Yorkshire and Humberside, and the North-west with its large conurbation of Merseyside and Greater Manchester as a united area for new business growth.

Mr Clarke said he was pleased to support anyone prepared to pull down real or imaginary barriers between the north and south.

"I'm often amazed at the propensity of some northern people who ought to know better than to accentuate a poor music hall image of themselves and the part of the world they come from and then wonder why too much business investment stays in the South-east", he added.

A founder of the Trans Pennine Club, Mr Justin Kornberg, chairman of a Bradford textile company, forecast that decline could be replaced by growth within 10 years if the newly formed alliance created a suitable environment.

The conference organizer, Mr David Fletcher, head of Manchester Polytechnic department of environment and geographical studies, welcomed the campaign as finally ending the cross-Pennine wars of the roses.

"The image of the north of England among people in the South and overseas is a negative one largely because we in the North have allowed it to be so for so long. Parochialism dies hard and the 'you in your small corner and me in mine' attitude has to change", he said.

Equal pay case goes to Lords

Freemans, the Peterborough mail order company, is going to appeal to the House of Lords after five female staff challenged it over equal pay for work of equal value.

An industrial tribunal ruled against the women, but last month the Court of Appeal ordered the tribunal to re-examine the case. Now the law lords will look at it first.

Correction

The headline yesterday saying the abolition of independent fee-paying schools would be illegal under "EEC" law was incorrect. The report referred to the European Convention on Human Rights.

Warning by doctors as Aids carriers continue 'casual' sex

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Some homosexual men infected with Aids are ignoring medical advice and continuing to have casual sexual relations, according to a report in *The Lancet* today.

Although there were "encouraging signs" that public education about the risks of Aids was succeeding, some infected homosexuals still indulge in promiscuity, doctors at a London clinic say.

Such individuals may require new forms of health education to persuade them to change their sexual lifestyles, according to doctors at the John Hunter Clinic, a genitourinary unit at St Stephen's Hospital.

They report 21 cases in which homosexuals acquired new infections of gonorrhoea after being informed that they were Aids antibody-positive.

"The antibody tests would have been done with their consent and and they would have had advice about safer sex, and been given literature on the subject.

"When they were given their positive results and during subsequent visits to the clinic they would all have been individually interviewed by experienced clinical personnel including doctors, nurses and counsellors."

Even so, "compulsive sexual activity with casual contacts had occurred, with the possible risk of transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus."

The men were mostly mature, employed persons aged between 18 and 45. Two of them had gonorrhoea on three occasions after being found antibody-positive.

The 21 men had a total of 10 episodes of gonorrhoea in 1985 and 18 episodes in 1986.

However, the doctors report that there was an overall decrease of cases of gonorrhoea and syphilis among homosexuals attending the clinic.

● Nurses are overcoming their fears about contact with Aids patients and are setting an example to the public, a conference on the disease was told yesterday.

The risk to nurses and other health care workers of catching Aids was almost non-existent, delegates at the Bradford University conference were told.

Only four nurses in the world, including one Briton, are known to have become infected through accidental injuries involving needles, and none has contracted the disease.

"The nursing profession doesn't have the fear of Aids that everyone thinks we have", Sister Pauline Sharp, of Bradford Royal Infirmary, said.

However, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday it was concerned that some health districts were providing information to nurses on Aids that was below the standard of national guidelines.

● The Bishop of Worcester, the Right Rev Philip Goodrich, is sending out 37,500 leaflets calling on churchgoers to comfort and support Aids sufferers, and giving advice on how to contact Aids relief agencies.

The leaflets, to be distributed throughout the diocese next month in every local parish magazine, also criticizes claims that Aids is "the wrath of God".

"We should not believe that the disease is the wrath of God, but the fact it has spread largely through promiscuity shows you cannot morally have your cake and eat it."

Hurd visits estates that beat crime



Mr Hurd and Sergeant John Stocker meeting children on the Roehampton estate (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Bad relations between local authorities and police can frustrate the fight against crime in the inner cities, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday as he inspected two crime prevention programmes by a London council.

Mr Hurd was inspecting two estates which are being developed by Conservative-controlled Wandsworth council to try to reduce crime.

The Home Secretary, who was accompanied by Mr David Mellor, Home Office Minister of State, was shown how a £2.75 million plan on the Wilberforce estate in Battersea had turned an area of 300 homes from a potential slum into an estate with a waiting list.

The council started an estates management office with a monthly police "surgery". Stronger front doors and entry phones were built.

A similar programme was started on the Alton estate with 335 homes in Roehampton, at a cost of £20 million.

New star enjoys moment of triumph

By Jonathan Miller

James Paterson, the overnight star of the *Phantom of the Opera* stood on the roof of Her Majesty's Theatre in London's Haymarket yesterday afternoon and said he was fully aware that he was only the temporary king of the roost.

Mr Paterson, the second understudy, expects to play the Phantom at least three more times after the first understudy, Steve Barton, had to withdraw with a leg injury. Michael Crawford, who has played the part since the musical opened last year, is still out of the cast with a hernia.

Mr Paterson, in his first West End role, said there was only one problem on Thursday night when he took over the part. At one point in the performance, during a costume change, he threw his coat off into the middle of the stage instead of into the wings. "Michael is left handed and I am right handed. I'd forgotten that", he said.

He learnt that he would take the leading role on Thursday afternoon. He said he was not surprised and he would not be disappointed to return to the two minor parts he has had in the show. "I am an understudy. It is Michael's role, after all", he said.

He said he will play the role slightly differently to Mr Crawford. "I've seen Michael do it 200 times but I'm not Michael Crawford, I'm James Paterson."

Mr Paterson, aged 35, was born in Ayrshire, and began as a textile designer and a teacher of art before joining Scottish Opera in 1974 where he played Papageno in *The Magic Flute* and Demetrius in *Midsummer Night's Dream* among other roles.

Woman 'forced to search pockets of dying fiance'

A supermarket manager lay dying from a shotgun wound while three men forced his fiancee to search his pockets for the keys to the shop safe, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The man's wallet was taken but the gang left after the woman told them that the safe was operated by a combination, Mr Timothy Cassel, for the prosecution, said.

Forty minutes after the shooting in Putney, south-west London, the three men allegedly drove to Brentford, west London, where they robbed the staff of a carpet firm, Mr Cassel added.

Three men from London, Stanley Braithwaite, aged 28, unemployed, of Galsworth Court, Acton, Anthony Barry, aged 24, unemployed, of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, and Nigel Armstrong, aged 21, unemployed, of Drayton Avenue, west London, pleaded not guilty to murdering Stephen Whitnell, aged 28, manager of the Presto's shop in High Street, Putney, on February 10 last year.

They also denied robbing Graham Clarke, assistant manager of Carpetland, Great West Road, Brentford, of £800 on the same day.

Mr Cassel said Mr Whitnell died after being shot at close range with a sawn-off shotgun.

Miss Wendy Sanderson, aged 28, Mr Whitnell's fiancee and the store's provisions manageress, told the court that three men barged into the supermarket as the couple were leaving.

"They knocked Stephen to the ground ... the shotgun was pointed at him while he was lying on the floor and it went off."

The trial continues on Monday.

The taxmen plead for protection

People working in tax offices are demanding more protection from taxpayers and training to deal with them.

They face growing violence at tax office counters and when they go out to homes and businesses to collect tax debts, a union official reported yesterday.

The Inland Revenue Staff Federation is pressing the Government to set up a joint committee to study the problem. Taxmen have been punched in the face. "There have been broken bones", Mr Tony Locock, the federation's collection section secretary, said.

Women collectors are also vulnerable. "They have been propositioned in an intimidating way. One woman after three incidents in three months asked to be taken off collection work".

"Officers on outdoor work are in the front line but those on counter duties or conducting interviews are at risk in the same way", Mr Locock wrote in the union's paper.

Mr Locock added: "The Revenue could do considerably more to train officers who are expected to meet and deal with the public.

"We are not asking for karate lessons but psychological training to enable staff to identify difficult situations and be able to deal with them."

Flowerpot souvenir for royal sightseers

By Alan Hamilton

Acting almost like ordinary tourists, the Prince and Princess of Wales strolled in the sunshine through the ancient Spanish capital of Toledo yesterday, visiting the city's architectural treasures, buying souvenirs and lunching in a state tourist hotel.

They were driven from Madrid in a gold-coloured minibus with their host, King Juan Carlos, at the wheel, and Queen Sophia in the front passenger seat. The king, who enjoys a considerable informality with his 40 million subjects, is an avid and fast driver of both cars and motorcycles.

As they drove up to the gates of Toledo's magnificent fifteenth century cathedral the royal party was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd, of largely American tourists for whom the lure of Hemingway's Spain is still strong.

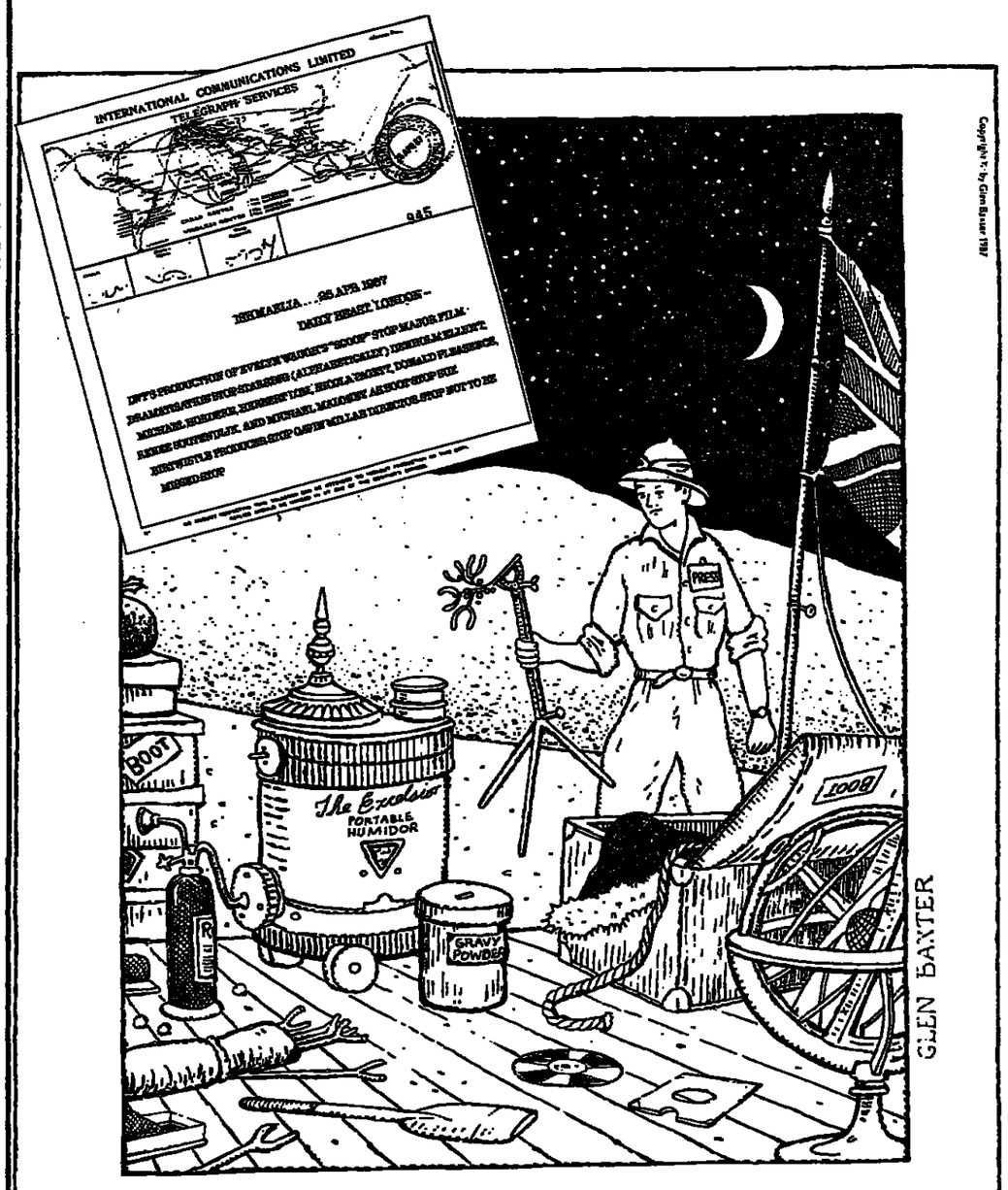
The Prince and Princess spent nearly an hour in the gloom of the cathedral interior admiring its El Grecos, Goyas and many other masterpieces, before walking with the king and queen through the city's narrow, cobbled streets.

At one stage the party was confronted by a noisy demonstration staged by the Communist Workers Committee of the Toledo State Armaments Factory protesting at the plant's impending closure, but the royal party took little notice.

The royal party visited a craft shop, where the Prince bought a flowerpot and a jug decorated with blue and yellow flowers for a total of 3,900 pesetas (about £20).

Queen Sophia spent 57,000 pesetas on gifts for her guests, including an inlaid gold plate, a coffee set and a small picture. As neither the British nor the Spanish royal family is in the habit of carrying money, the shop owner promised to send a bill to the royal palace in Madrid.

The public part of their tour over, the Prince and Princess are spending the weekend privately at the estate of the Duke of Wellington near Granada in southern Spain before returning to London.



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Hospital pays the price of efficiency

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

A health authority yesterday started paying the price for its efficiency in treating more patients in fewer beds.

It is implementing a number of cuts in patient services to prevent an overspend of £5.5 million during the next three years.

Shropshire Health Authority has spent more than its budget, despite improving its efficiency, as it has had to treat 40 per cent more patients than it did 10 years ago.

It has already approved a £2.5 million package which includes closing one geriatric hospital and 113 surgical, medical and orthopaedic beds.

Doctors gave a warning that the closures would lead to increased waiting lists in a district where they are among the worst in the country.

Health service unions are collecting a petition to present to Mr James Ackers, the West Midlands regional chairman.

Shropshire's population has risen by more than 1 per cent every year in the past 10 years. Mr Ken Morris, the general manager, said yesterday: "We are now treating 40 per cent more cases than we were 10 years ago, even though bed numbers have been reduced by 5 per cent".

The district is negotiating for a single payment of £300,000 from money earmarked by the Government to shorten waiting lists.

● Health authorities in Britain are doing an impressive amount to tackle health problems linked with unemployment, according to a survey in the *British Medical Journal* today (Our Science Correspondent writes).

Half the authorities are responding to the problems, prompted by public concern, the research shows.

Many district authorities have produced "health profiles" of their areas

Film on estate riot delayed by IBA

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The Independent Broadcasting Authority has forced the delay of a Channel 4 documentary which claims to present the black community's point of view about the Broadwater Farm riots in north London in 1985.

The authority is seeking important changes to the film and the scheduling of a discussion programme immediately afterwards. It is concerned over the film's characterization of the events at Broadwater Farm as an uprising against oppression.

According to Channel 4, the authority has demanded the removal of a description of Mrs Cherry Groce, who was shot by police in Brixton, south London, as "a victim of police racism"; a claim that the riots were "a classic example of self-defence by a community".

Ceddo Film and Video Workshop, a workers' cooperative based in Tottenham, which was commissioned by Channel 4 to make the programme, has refused to make the changes demanded by the authority.

Mr Milton Bryan, director of the film, said the authority's efforts to force changes in the film were "clearly censorship".

He said the authority was trying to "water down and undermine the statement of the film, which addresses questions of police racism and the reasons why the uprising occurred. It is a story that has not been given an airing on television."

The authority said last night: "Our principle position is that this programme was made about nine months ago and could not be transmitted during the Blakelock trial for legal reasons." A Channel 4 spokesman said: "We are very pleased with the film."

Visit raises hopes for scenic railway

A ministerial visit yesterday fuelled speculation that the long-running battle to save the trans-Pennine Settle to Carlisle railway line could end in success.

Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State at the Department of Transport, travelled the 72-mile route from Settle, North Yorkshire, with officials from Cumbria County Council.

He said he wanted more information before making a decision on its future.

British Rail announced in 1983 its plan to close the line which cuts through the Pennines by way of viaducts and tunnels.

More than 22,000 people have lodged objections to the closure during the lengthy consultation procedure.

In recent years old stations have been reopened and the number of passengers using the line has increased by 400 per cent. Indeed, Mr Mitchell had to stand yesterday as all the seats in the train were taken.

But British Rail has maintained that it is determined to close the line because of the high level of investment needed to keep it operational.

Mr Bill Cameron, chairman of Cumbria council's economy and environment committee, said discussions with officials at the Department of Transport had led him to believe that a decision to retain the line would be announced within four weeks.

Dr John Whitelegg, chairman of the joint action committee which is campaigning to save the route, said: "Any statement in the run-up to the election must be one to save the line. Governments aren't into political suicide, even if they think the issue is small beer."

£20,000 cost of feud over brick wall

A man's obsession with a garden wall has cost him a possible £20,000, in what a judge yesterday described as a lamentable litigation between neighbours.

Mr Charles Thom, of Ashgrove Road, Kilwinning, Ayrshire, will have to pay costs estimated at between £10,00 and £20,000 after he sued Mrs Margaret Hetherington, also of Ashgrove Road, and lost the action.

Mr Thom had asked for a court decree ordering Mrs Hetherington to remove a fence she had built alongside the 122ft brick wall that divided the gardens of their two bungalows.

He also wanted her to repair the wall, which he claimed had been damaged by the fence.

But Lord Jauncey, after listening to a seven-week hearing in the Court of Session in Edinburgh, yesterday ruled against Mr Thom and decided that the wall was still in reasonably good condition and had not been damaged to any extent by the fence.

In his judgement Lord Jauncey strongly criticized both neighbours.

Lord Jauncey said he thought there was some substance in Mrs Hetherington's contention that Mr Thom had become "obsessed with the state of the wall".

The judge said that after Mrs Hetherington's husband died in 1980 relations between her and Mr Thom deteriorated.

Some years before he died a cherry tree growing on the no 37 side of the wall "had the temerity to extend some roots to Mr Thom's land".

Mr Thom gave a warning that he was going to poison the roots and on three occasions he poured brushwood killer into the roots of the tree through a pipe.

Finally Mrs Hetherington agreed to remove the cherry tree.

In November 1981 Mrs Hetherington bought a dog. Mr Thom took exception to the dog's behaviour.

Assistant bosun did not hear call to close bow doors

Ferry's work routines a likely factor in disaster

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Work routines practised by the crew of the Herald of Free Enterprise ferry were a likely factor in the accident which killed nearly 200 people at Zeebrugge.

The public inquiry, which opens in London on Monday, will be told that the assistant bosun responsible for closing the bow doors was resting during the loading of the ferry but should have reported for duty the instant that "harbour stations" was called over the ship's tannoy.

But Mr Mark Stanley, aged 23, the assistant bosun, had fallen asleep and did not hear the announcement and nobody closed the doors.

Mr Christopher Erving, a solicitor representing the crew and their families, said in an exclusive interview with *The Times* that the disaster had been caused by a combination of factors which was unlikely to be repeated.

He said that the working pattern on the ferry had contributed to the disaster, as had the state of the tide, the fact that the bow doors were open and that the ship was ballasted down at the bow.

Crews working on the Dover to Zeebrugge route normally do two complete round trips during a 24-hour shift, during which they have rest periods in cabins.

On the second of the two round trips on a shift, the assistant bosun would also be engaged in loading vehicles on the car deck. Once that was completed he would go on to close the bow doors.

But the working pattern of the first round trip, which the Herald of Free Enterprise was on, did not require the assistant bosun to be involved in the loading. He did not need to be on the car deck until shortly before sailing, when he would normally have closed the doors.

Mr Erving said that on the night of Friday March 6 the assistant bosun, Mr Stanley, who was not involved in loading operations, had been given permission by Mr Terry Ayling, the bosun, to leave the car deck.

Mr Stanley had a reputation as a conscientious member of the crew. It is believed that both he and the bosun expected him to be on the car deck to close the bow doors when "harbour stations" were sounded.

That is the point at which all crew on duty were required to go to their work stations to prepare for the ship to sail. However, Mr Erving said, his inquiries showed that the assistant bosun had dozed off in his cabin, and had not heard the call.

Unfortunately, he said, there was no requirement for a man to report when he had closed the doors. Nor, it seemed was any officer specifically required to check that they had been closed. Therefore the ship sailed with the master, Captain David Lewry, unaware that they were open.

The inquiry is expected to last up to seven weeks. It will begin with an opening speech by Mr David Steel, QC, representing the Secretary of State for Transport, which is expected to last into the second day. He will outline the circumstances of the accident and the evidence he intends to call.

He is expected to be followed by statements from counsel representing the other parties, such as Townsend Thoresen, the National Union of Seamen and the victims' steering committee.

Mr Justice Sheen, who will conduct the inquiry, has already indicated that those additional opening speeches should not last more than a few minutes each.

It is understood that 19 members of the ferry's crew have been alerted to be available.

The intention appears to be to start with witnesses who can build a chronological description of how the disaster developed. It is thought the first witness to be called by Mr Steel will be Mr John Butler, a steward. He is thought to have been the first person to raise the alert.

The inquiry has been set up in great speed and is beginning only seven weeks after the disaster; inquiries into shipping accidents would typically take up to a year or more to set up. As a result, Mr Justice Sheen's hearings are beginning before all the evidence has been assembled.

Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Transport, has said that the Government stood ready to review legislation about carrying dangerous goods on ferries.



Preparing for the inquiry: Mr Justice Sheen (top), Captain David Lewry (centre) and Mr Mark Stanley; tank testing (right) is expected to disclose important technical evidence.

20% rise in prison population forecast

Prison overcrowding will continue well into the next decade in spite of a multimillion-pound building programme, Home Office projections showed yesterday.

The number of prisoners in England and Wales could rise by up to 20 per cent to almost 60,000 in 1995, according to official figures. That increase would outstrip the number of new prison places by more than 5,000.

Publication of the Home Office projections comes after Thursday's warning by an influential all-party committee of MPs that the Government could face a prison crisis of unparalled proportions.

The home affairs committee said critical overcrowding, insanitary conditions and low staff morale were unlikely to be remedied by present government plans.

The MPs urged the Government to press ahead with its building programme of 20 new jails and big refurbishments but also called on judges and magistrates to send fewer people to prison.

Prisons in England and Wales at present hold almost 49,000 inmates, many sharing Victorian cells designed for one.

The latest figures forecast that the prison population could rise to 59,400 by 1995 while the number of places available is expected to be 54,300.

Other Home Office projections, taking into account demographic influences, show a lower 1995 total.

Officials say it is not clear which forecast is the most reliable but experience has shown that prison population tends to increase faster than expected.

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MP calls for insurance of armed forces

The Government should consider providing an insurance policy to cover all members of the armed forces for injury or death in accidents where negligence could not be proved, Mr Winston Churchill (Davyhulme, C) said when he moved the third reading of his private Members' Bill in the Commons.

He also urged the Government to consider the establishment of a compensation fund of at least £100 million to help those who would not be covered in his Bill because it was not retrospective. This money would be administered by a tribunal to which those inadequately compensated could apply.

He said that the Crown Proceedings (Armed Forces) Bill would benefit all members of the services who in future were injured on duty in peacetime because of the negligence of others.

It allows servicemen and women to sue for negligence, putting them on an equal footing with civilians in terms of compensation for themselves or their dependents. There could also be compensation for dependents of service people killed.

Mr Churchill said, however, that proper compensation would still not be available for injury or death in the case of pure accidents where nobody could be held negligent and where armed forces members had caused or contributed to their own injuries or death.

If it were shown by the National Radiological Protection Board that a significant number of the 20,000 British servicemen who had taken part in Britain's nuclear test programme some years ago had suffered from cancer and other radiologically-induced diseases it would be inconceivable for the Government not to act swiftly to provide full compensation for those whose health had been destroyed.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab) said that he regarded the Bill as the launch pad from which to campaign for justice for servicemen and women already disabled. That battle would be fought in both Houses of Parliament as well as outside, and would continue until it was won.

Mr Spencer Batiste (Elmet, C) said that the Bill would right an injustice which had existed for too long. On retrospective action, he said that there was nothing to prevent the Government from dealing with past cases on an *ex gratia* basis once the new principle of law had been established.

Mr Kevin McNamara, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said that he welcomed the Bill but with fewer than three cheers because of the lack of retrospection.

He hoped that the minister would hold out some hope of re-examination of the cases of those former members of the armed services who had suffered as a result of negligence.

Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said that the Government welcomed the Bill and supported its speedy passage.

The debate had clarified the difference between conferring a benefit and conferring a right. This Bill conferred a right but some MPs had been talking about the need for a system of additional benefits.

The way to proceed on retrospection was through modification and amendment of the existing benefits system.

He would look at Mr Churchill's suggestion of insurance against injuries.

The report of the National Radiological Protection Board had been delayed because the board had been comparing the incidence of cancer and mortality of the servicemen who took part in the nuclear tests with a control group of civilians. Ministers had told the board to redouble its efforts to complete the report.

The Bill was read the third time.

Penalties for animal cruelty to be doubled

Parliament should consider giving the courts power to disqualify a person convicted of cruelty from keeping any animals, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said during debate on a Bill to double maximum penalties for animal cruelty offences.

However, Mr Hogg opposed a proposal that further legislation should give a right to the RSPCA or police to enter private premises to deal with cruelty cases.

Moving the third reading of his Protection of Animals (Penalties) Bill, Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) said that its purpose was to double the maximum penalties for offences of cruelty to animals under the 1911 Act to a fine of £2,000 or six months imprisonment or both.

It was essential that those convicted of promoting the evil, barbaric and diabolical so-called sport of dog fighting were hit as hard as possible in an effort to stamp out that and cock fighting.

Mr Hogg said that the Bill was an important part of the programme, which the Government supported, to improve animal protection.

There was some evidence of an increase in cruelty offences and more people were being prosecuted. The number of prison sentences had also increased.

In 1985 there had been 514 cases where persons convicted under the 1911 Protection of Animals Act had been fined less than £100, 148 fines of between £100 and £200, 35 from £200 to £500 and in only six cases had fines been between £500 and £1,000.

The Bill was read the third time.

Move to cut noise of motor cycles

The internal combustion engine was a uniquely nasty source of environmental pollution and Parliament had a responsibility ruthlessly to tackle such pollution, Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) said in moving the Motor Cycle Noise Bill, which was read a third time.

The Bill, he said, was concerned only with replacement exhaust and silencer systems, making it an offence to supply systems not complying with prescribed requirements. Those not up to standard would be marked as not for road use.

Mr Clive Soley, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that noisy motor cycles caused great nuisance in certain areas and the problem needed to be dealt with.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said that such noise could be as loud as that from an aeroplane. He could hear motor cycles from his 12th floor office and so could all the patients and staff in the nearby Westminster Hospital.

Rothschild: Police report next week

The Metropolitan Police are expected to send an interim report about the possible prosecution of Lord Rothschild under section 2 of the Official Secrets Act to the Director of Public Prosecutions by the end of next week.

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, in a written reply to Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab), said that the inquiries had necessarily been lengthy and complicated, and they had unfortunately not been completed when the officer in charge had had to undertake an entirely separate task.

Bill will give public access to personal files

The Access to Personal Files Bill, which its proposer, Mr Archy Kirkwood (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, L), said established the principle of access to manual files, was given an unopposed third reading.

He said that the issue of access to one's own files would continue to generate much public interest and debate. The Bill was a small step on a long journey.

Mrs Virginia Bottomley (Surrey South West, C) said there was a danger that open access to personal files could lead to the use of the telephone or euphemisms or a failure to record sensitive information.

Mr Robin Corbett, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that one aim was to persuade those who kept records to ask themselves whether they could justify what they were writing. He hoped that that would lead to better record keeping.

Mr David Waddington, Minister of State, Home Office, said that in Whitehall there were 12 million linear feet of records and the imagination boggled at the thought of arranging access to it all.

The minister said earlier during report stage of the Bill that the Government would enter into talks with the medical profession soon with a view to progress in opening up access to medical records further on a non-statutory basis.

He was replying to a proposed new Opposition clause to enable the Government to make regulations dealing with access to records on matters which had been taken out of the original Bill. These included social security benefits, employment and immigration and records of banks and building societies.



Kirkwood: Small step on long journey

Moving the new clause, which was later withdrawn, Mr Robin Corbett, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, expressed concern at the Government's opposition to including medical records in the Bill.

Mr Waddington said that access cost money. The best approach was to get some experience under the Data Protection Act before considering giving wider access rights to manual records. The Government had reached agreement with the sponsors of the Bill that its scope should be narrowed.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Soviet dissident arrives in Zurich

Zurich (AP) – Dr Anatoly Koryagin, the dissident Soviet psychiatrist, arrived in Switzerland yesterday after his release from a labour camp and the lifting of a seven-year jail sentence and five years in exile for anti-Soviet agitation. His first feeling in the West was "euphoria", he said.

As Dr Koryagin and his family stepped into the main airport area, they were greeted by representatives of Swiss church and human rights groups carrying flowers and by Mr Yuri Belov, another freed Soviet dissident. A group of news photographers and journalists was also waiting.

Dr Koryagin, tall and bearded and aged 48, stood next to his 19-year-old son, Ivan, for photographs. Both looked slightly tired.

He was then taken by airport officials to a lounge to give a press conference.

Corfu memorial

Corfu – A memorial to the 44 men lost when the destroyers HMS Saumarez and HMS Volage hit mines in the Corfu Channel on October 22 1946, was dedicated in a service at the British Cemetery here yesterday (Mario Modiano writes).

Some 100 survivors, relatives of those killed and former crew members of other warships in the stricken flotilla, paid tribute to the victims of what retired Greek Admiral Nikos Stathakis condemned as "a cowardly and perfidious action".

Cooper decision

A decision was said yesterday to be imminent on the future of Mr Roger Cooper, the British businessman held in Tehran since December 1985 (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes). Mr Mohammad Akhundzadeh, the Iranian chargé d'affaires in London, said it would "in the very near future".

Mr Cooper, aged 51, has been charged with spying but has not been tried. Mr Akhundzadeh said Iran had responded to demands for consular access, but the Foreign Office says the access was not adequate.

Banned novel appears

Moscow (Reuter) – The first part of a long-suppressed Soviet novel, *Children of the Arbat*, by Anatoly Rybakov, which gives a detailed picture of Kremlin intrigue in the early 1930s and indicates that Stalin ordered the murder of his rival, Sergei Kirov, in 1934, has been published in a Moscow literary journal. It has been hailed by liberal Soviet intellectuals as a work of major importance for its honest treatment of themes until recently barred by official censors.

Mr Rybakov, who is now 76, won a Stalin Prize in 1951. He began the novel in 1967, but publication was forbidden by Communist Party ideologists. Friends say that he has resisted several suggestions over the past few years to publish his novel in the West.

Mahathir victory

Kuala Lumpur – Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, beat off a determined challenge to his position yesterday and was re-elected, for the third time and by the narrow margin of 43 votes, president of the United Malay National Organization (M.G.G. Pillai writes).

He polled 761 votes, while his opponent, Tunku Razaleigh Hamzah, the Trade and Industry Minister, got 718.

Havana pay-out

Madrid – The Spanish Government has accepted a Cuban offer of £24 million in compensation for Spanish property confiscated in Cuba at the time of the Cuban Revolution in 1959 (A Correspondent writes).

The settlement represents 55 per cent of the value of the property confiscated, according to an assessment by a Spanish-Cuban commission. Britain received 3.9 per cent of the value of its goods, and France 13 per cent.

Checkup for Begin



Jerusalem (AP) – Mr Menachem Begin, the former Israeli Prime Minister, left, as he came out of hospital yesterday after undergoing 10 days of medical tests.

Mr Begin, aged 73, went to hospital after complaining of "general weakness". He smiled faintly and waved as he left. Rumours that his health was deteriorating intensified last month after he turned down a request to meet the visiting former US President Carter.

High noon for gun lobby as six die in Florida shoot-out

From Charles Bremner
Washington

The big guys from Washington's most feared lobby group are headed for high noon this weekend. The National Rifle Association (NRA), which has managed to blow away most attempts to impose tougher curbs on guns for the past decade, is meeting in Nevada to try to settle a bitter internal feud threatening its future.

At stake is the control of the three-million-member organization, its assets of nearly $100 million (£62 million) and, effectively, the future of gun legislation in America. Opposing each other are the present chief executive, Mr Warren Cassidy, and Mr Neal Knox, an ousted former lobbyist who wants his job.

Mr Knox, who has the backing of a faction of hardliners, accuses Mr Cassidy of going soft and failing to block legislation last year against the ownership of machine-guns and armour-piercing, or "cop-killer" bullets. This, say the hardliners, was an egregious failure to defend the American citizen's right to bear arms, as defined in the constitution.

A couple of streets away from the NRA's Washington headquarters, a much smaller lobby outfit, Handgun Control Inc, laments the still huge clout of the NRA. "We look on all this as a fight between extremists over who can be more extreme," says their spokeswoman, Mrs Susan Whitmore.



A policeman taking aim (top right) during a gun battle on Thursday in which six people were killed and 14 wounded in a Palm Bay, Florida, shopping centre; above, a boy scrambles to safety. After the alleged gunman, named by police as William Cruise, surrendered, he was taken back to the scene (left).

For the NRA, the anti-gun brigade are a collection of misguided wimps and troublemakers. "Guns don't kill people, criminals do," says the NRA. "If a law-abiding citizen wants to own a machine-gun, then he should be allowed to."

In fact, 127,000 pre-1986 machine-guns continue to be legally owned and frustrated buffs can still buy an Uzi or other sub-machine-gun.

The anti-gun lobby uses a lot of statistics to press the case for tougher laws. "In 1983, handguns killed 35 people in Japan, eight in Britain, 27 in Switzerland... and 9,014 in the United States. God bless America," says one poster.

The NRA dismisses the statistical arguments as irrelevant to America's different social context.

Law and order is inevitably dear to the hearts of NRA members. The organization approves of states which have recently passed so-called "make-my-day" laws authorizing the use of lethal force against trespassers.

So far, the NRA has successfully persuaded 28 states to prohibit local authorities from passing gun-control laws. It is also opposed to laws in 16 states which impose waiting periods or background checks on would-be gun-owners.

At present, a 1968 federal law, passed in the aftermath of the political assassinations of that decade, requires purchasers to state that they are not convicted criminals, mentally ill or suffering from other abnormalities.

House defies Reagan with vote for return to Salt 2

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The House of Representatives defied President Reagan in the small hours of yesterday morning, at the end of a marathon debate, by voting to ban most nuclear tests and to force the US to return to compliance with the Salt 2 arms treaty.

The 208-178 vote on an omnibus spending Bill which included these two controversial provisions came as a surprise. It marked the start of an aggressive Democratic campaign over arms control and what looks like protracted confrontation between Congress and the President.

The White House had earlier warned the House not to tie Mr Reagan's hands as he moves towards agreement with Moscow on intermediate-range missiles in Europe.

Mr Richard Perle, the Assistant Defence Secretary, yesterday attacked House Democrats sharply: "I don't think they know what they're doing. It's a kind of herd instinct . . . and frankly I think it's also sour grapes on their part."

The Senate, now also controlled by the Democrats, is expected to introduce similar legislation, but Republicans have threatened to filibuster any Bill with these restrictions. If it survives it faces certain veto by Mr Reagan.

The arms provisions, approved by the House last year but shelved under White House pressure on the eve of the Reykjavik summit meeting in October, would forbid the use of funds for US weapons which exceed the limits of the Salt 2 agreement, unless the President certifies that the Russians have also breached the weapons ceiling.

The Bill also bans nuclear tests with yields of more than one kiloton, precluding all but the smallest, so long as Moscow also halts testing.

The arms measures were tacked on to a Bill authorizing about $8.5 billion (£5.3 billion) for the rest of 1987 for dozens of programmes; far less than the $12.4 billion sought by Mr Reagan.

And in a surprise move the House rejected its Democratic leadership by throwing out the entire $651 million foreign aid section of the Bill. This included some $300 million in economic aid for US allies in Central America. Conservative Republicans had objected to aid going to some left-wing African countries and joined many Democrats who also wanted to cut aid at a time of budgetary restraint.

The Republicans decided not to fight the two arms control measures, saying they will fight when they debate the Pentagon budget.

Pretoria's security crackdown

Townships beaten into sullen docility

From Michael Hornsby
Zwide, Eastern Cape

This time last year, Mr Mncedisi Sitoto, a young black in his 20s, was an active and confident figure in the black resistance movement in the Eastern Cape. Now he is one of some 200 young men estimated to be in hiding from the security police in Zwide and other black townships around Port Elizabeth.

They live on their nerves, moving constantly between friends and relatives who will take them in, seldom sleeping in the same place twice, ever fearful of the dawn knock on the door (not that the police often bother to knock) which could spell the end of their precarious freedom.

I talked to Mr Sitoto in a four-room box-shaped house in one of the better parts of Zwide where I had been brought by a go-between. Every noise in the street outside, every passing car, caused him to start up and spin round to peer out of the window.

"We are trying to keep some political activity going, but mainly we are trying to stay out of prison," he said, managing a nervous smile. "Our entire leadership structure is in detention. There are only two or three leaders out of jail."

Nowhere has Pretoria's security crackdown been more comprehensive or (at any rate in the short term) effective than in the Eastern Cape. Since the national state of emergency was imposed on June 12 last year, several thousand local political leaders have been detained.

Nearly all of them belong to bodies affiliated to the United Democratic Front (UDF), the main anti-apartheid organization still operating above ground in South Africa.

The elaborate network of "street committees" – the basic cells of black resistance modelled on a system devised by Nelson Mandela in the 1950s – now operate in only a few areas, and lack purpose and co-ordination. Black townships have been bludgeoned into a sullen docility.

> Our entire leadership structure is in detention

Yet for most of the last three years of civil strife, during which more than 2,500 people (almost all black) have been killed, the economically depressed Eastern Cape, whose Xhosa-speaking blacks have a long history of opposition to white rule and have provided many of the leaders of the outlawed African National Congress, was the main focus of unrest.

Trouble spread from small rural towns to the industrial cities of Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage, reaching a bloody climax on March 21, 1985, in Langa, Uitenhage's ramshackle black township, when the police, in an incident reminiscent of the Sharpeville massacre exactly 25 years earlier, shot dead at least 21 blacks walking to a funeral.

Langa was fertile ground for the UDF. It was packed with black squatters who had flocked there from the countryside because they could walk to work in Uitenhage. There was no electricity and fewer than 30 water taps for 30,000 to 40,000 people.

All but one of Langa's 16 black councillors – part of the Government-approved administrative structure – were run out of town. The one who stayed was later murdered by an enraged mob in the first of the so-called "necklace", or burning tyre, killings. Black policemen, on whom Pretoria relies heavily, fled.

Today Langa, or the squatter section of it, is a bare hillside (apart from four empty churches which the Afrikaner authorities, God-fearing Calvinists to a man, decided to spare). Between July and December last year, the squatter settlement was bulldozed flat and its people dumped some miles away on the fringes of the already overburdened Kwanobuhle township.

Most of Uitenhage's whites were delighted at the removal of so large and militant a black community from their doorstep, as was the mixed race Coloured leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, who is a member of the Cabinet and lives in the area. The plot has been earmarked for Coloured housing.

On January 4 this year some 400 black vigilantes, wielding spears and iron bars, went through Kwanobuhle, seeking out the homes of UDF activists not already in jail. At least three, and possibly four, were killed. Furniture and other belongings were dragged out into the streets and set alight. The police made no attempt to intervene.

Excesses committed by young UDF militants in the enforcement of boycotts of schools and white-owned shops in Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth had caused resentment among many older blacks, offering the authorities yet another opportunity to show their skill in manipulating black divisions.

The vigilantes – variously known as Ama-Africa or the African Parents Concerned Committee – are still operating. There have been no more killings, according to Mr Sitoto and other township activists, but masked men regularly visit homes at night, abduct the occupants and beat them up.

Mr Tony Gilson, the director of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, who was closely involved in negotiations with local black leaders in 1985 and 1986 during the consumer boycotts, says the boycotters greatly overestimated the pressure which white businessmen could bring to bear on the Government.

"At the same time, we did see the start of a real dialogue between the black and white communities here. When the emergency was imposed last June, we were discussing some very imaginative joint housing and educational schemes that would have ignored apartheid regulations." Now all such schemes are shelved.

"My fear is that when the next round of unrest comes, it will be led by blacks who will not be willing to talk to anyone, let alone the Government," Mr Gilson says.

> We did see the start of a real dialogue here

Aftermath of PLO Algiers meeting

Beirut waits for Assad's true response

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

"The golden age of Palestinian unity" proclaimed with such blithe abandon in Algiers this week does not look so promising around the Palestinian camps of Beirut.

A few hundred Syrian soldiers remain amid the devastation, to prevent further fighting, but the inhabitants know only too well that the Syrian Army's continued presence, or sudden absence, will signal President Assad's true response to the Palestinian unity proclaimed by Mr Yassir Arafat 1,800 miles away across the Mediterranean.

If they stay, it means that Mr Assad accepts, however grudgingly, that Mr Arafat's PLO now controls the camps and that Syria's own attempt to set up the Palestine National Salvation Front, which was formally extinguished by Dr George Habbash this week in Algiers, is truly at an end.

If they leave, then the war of the camps will resume, and Syria's brutal allies in the Amal militia will be permitted to unleash their fury once more on the Palestinians inside. In which case, and despite the grave damage to his relations with Moscow, Mr Assad will have decided to go on dealing with the Palestinian rump in Damascus, with discredited men such as Colonel Abu Moussa, the PLO officer who originally led the Palestinian mutiny against Mr Arafat back in 1983.

For it is in Lebanon, and not on the North African coast, that Mr Arafat's real struggle will be fought. In Algiers on Monday he demanded a Palestinian homeland "with Jerusalem as its capital"; but his more immediate message to the Israelis came from southern Lebanon. On Sunday, three of his guerrillas managed to cross the frontier with Israel and kill two Israeli soldiers before being shot dead themselves. On the following day, the Israelis reported the third series of rocket attacks in five days against Israeli settlements in Galilee.

Mr Arafat's message to the Syrians was less violent but equally uncompromising. On the hills east of Sidon, his guerrillas are refusing to leave the positions they captured from Syria's Amal allies last year. If they were to abandon the ridge above the coastal highway, they say, then the militiamen could impose a seige on the two Sidon Palestinian camps every bit as savage as the conflict in Beirut. Sidon is Mr Arafat's strongest base in Lebanon, which is why the Israelis attacked it three times in 36 hours this week.

It is also the reason why the Syrians have sent soldiers to the Awali river bridge just north of the city. Both regional superpowers are waiting to see the practical results of the Algiers conference.

President Assad was not taken by surprise by the proclamation of a new Palestinian "unity" by Mr Arafat, Dr Habbash and Mr Nayef Hawatmeh. Two months ago, Syrian special forces troops ostentatiously set up a position next to the offices of Mr Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Damascus, while Dr Habbash, formerly a respected resident of the Syrian capital, now spends most of his time commuting between Algiers and Aden.

The Arab world thus awaits President Assad's response when he returns, chastened or defiant, from Moscow, where the Soviet leadership realizes full well that a genuinely united PLO has to exist if an international peace conference – the aim of current Soviet policy in the Middle East – is ever to be held.

Living in the same world as Mr Arafat has long been one of Mr Assad's special discomforts. But if Mr Arafat was serious when he sent his greetings to Mr Assad at the start of the Algiers meeting, then it will not be long before Mr Arafat's most trusted factotum, Mr Khalil Wazir, is dispatched to Damascus with appropriate humility to re-open relations between the PLO chairman and the man who unceremoniously deported him from Syria four years ago.

The Russians could not have helped to bring together the splintered PLO in Algiers if so much suffering had not been inflicted on the Palestinians of the Beirut camps. Neither Dr Habbash nor Mr Hawatmeh could go on uttering loyal platitudes towards the regime whose ally was shelling Chatila and Bourj al-Barajneh. The final alienation of the Palestinians from Syrian tutelage occurred as a direct result of the camps war.

It also took place because Mr Assad could find no serious alternative to Mr Arafat's leadership. Tired, middle-aged men like Colonel Abu Moussa or even Mr Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command, let alone the Syrian-officered Palestinian guerrillas of the Saiqa militia, could not replace Mr Arafat.

Yet Mr Arafat's performance in Algiers is scarcely a great success. If Mr Assad accepts the new status quo, then he will have more power over the PLO than any other Arab leader, and thus more leverage at any future peace conference at which the PLO is represented. Coping with Dr Habbash's demands for increased armed struggle against the Israelis while cutting his closest ties with King Husain of Jordan has left Mr Arafat much more dependent on Syria.

That is the way it has always been when there is talk of Middle East peace conferences. In 1976, when it looked as if the Arabs and Israelis would meet at Geneva, President Assad sent his soldiers into Lebanon to control Mr Arafat's PLO. Now, with an international conference a distinct possibility, Mr Assad may again be controlling Mr Arafat. For whoever has power over the Palestinians is going to decide the fate of such a meeting. And that power will first be exercised in Lebanon.

Mr Moshe Arens, the most trusted of Mr Yitzhak Shamir's Likud ministers, rushed to Washington yesterday on a mission clearly aimed at undermining Labour Party attempts to call an international Middle East peace conference (Ian Murray writes from Jerusalem).

His unscheduled departure shows his party's fear that Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, is close to concrete plans for a conference. Mr Arens, a former envoy to the US, knows those in the State Department who could block the idea.

Undeterred by Mr Shamir's opposition, Mr Peres seems to be rushing to agreement on a conference. He is due in Washington next month, when King Hussain of Jordan is also expected there.

Mr Peres knows that Mr Shamir is so opposed to a conference that he will bring down the coalition Government and go for an election rather than agree. So he is holding out the carrot of early peace.

Chirac in Chequers arms talks

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The search for a West European response to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's offer to eliminate shorter-range nuclear missiles is to be stepped up over the next three days.

Discussions tomorrow between Mrs Thatcher and her French counterpart, M Jacques Chirac, will be followed by a meeting in Luxembourg of foreign and defence ministers of the seven-nation Western European Union. Any understandings reached will then be discussed in the wider 16-nation Nato forum.

Although the Europeans are not a party to the Geneva arms reduction talks, President Reagan has promised full consultation. With both alliances agreed that medium-range (INF) weapons should be eliminated, shorter-range (SRINF) missiles are now seen as the main obstacle to a pact.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has hinted that he favours Mr Gorbachov's offer to eliminate them. But Europe has shown more anxiety than enthusiasm

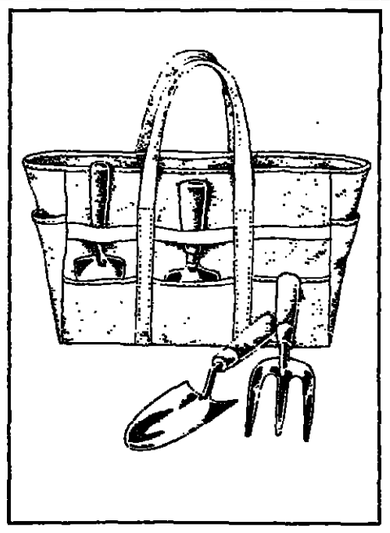
Over lunch at Chequers tomorrow the two prime ministers will consider whether the elimination of SRINF missiles would undermine the strategy of flexible response. The alternative is to hold out for parity at reduced levels.

They are also expected to discuss whether removal of nuclear missiles from Europe would make the US less willing to use strategic weapons in its defence.

The Western European Union, which consists of ministers from the Benelux countries, Britain, France, Italy and West Germany, meets in Luxembourg on Monday.

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Kiev battles against reality and rumour a year after Chernobyl

From Christopher Walker, Kiev

The 250,000 evacuated children have returned, but on the eve of tomorrow's first anniversary of the world's worst nuclear disaster, this remains a city haunted by its memory, a city whose 2.5 million inhabitants are still battling amid a wave of rumours to alleviate the most dangerous long-term consequences.

On every main road into Kiev, the third largest and one of the most attractive cities in the Soviet Union, radiation monitoring stations are still ominously in place checking the levels of every vehicle which approaches. If the Geiger counter registers over the limit, a red light flashes, alarms ring and the vehicle has to be washed down by its unfortunate owner in special sheds before being permitted to proceed.

Despite repeated assurances from the authorities that the situation has returned almost to normal, the people of Kiev remain the butt of cruel Soviet jokes about their plight, with the favourite concerning the alleged chronic

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shortage here of "lead underpants". The continuing fear of possible sterility has been reinforced by new information that army reservists taking part in the continuing clean-up operation near Chernobyl are restricted to those aged over 35.

Other rumours, especially that concerning the ideal home cure for radiation sickness — neat vodka drunk with sweet red wine dripped into the top of the glass — persist in the face of a determined campaign by the Ukrainian health authorities to stamp them out.

To cope with the continuing threat of contaminated dust from the 18-mile exclusion zone around the stricken nuclear plant some 80 miles to the north, the broad avenues of Kiev are stil regularly hosed with fresh drinking water, sprayed — to the inconvenience of pedestrians — by a fleet of 300 blue and orange water carriers. When temperatures were below zero, their job was done instead by special giant vacuum cleaners.

"To be honest, we do not really know whether the washing is the best thing to do, but with this, as with almost every other aspect of the accident, we are having to make up the rules ourselves," Mr Igor Gorkun, a senior editor of the local Communist Party daily *Pravda Ukrainy*, said. "Fate has decreed that we are the world's guinea pigs."

The journalist, whose paper has been in the forefront of reporting the diasaster which it revealed this week has already cost the Soviet Exchequer more than two billion roubles (£2 billion), explained that Kiev residents try to keep their conversations about it to a minimum. "If we kept thinking about last April 26 all the time, we would go crazy," he said. "We have to try to continue with life as normal. We have no alternative."

The moustached Mr. Gorkun, like every other resident of the Ukrainian capital, is anxiously awaiting the end of the annual spring flood in the river Dnieper and its tributaries, which are now protected by an extraordinary network of some 80 miles of new dams, ramparts and underground walls built to try to prevent radioactivity seeping into the city's main water supply.

The building of the water defences has



Dr Robert Gale, the American leukaemia specialist, who said on US television yesterday that as many as 75,000 cancer deaths could result from last year's nuclear accident at Chernobyl. Dr Gale, of the University of California at Los Angeles, helped to treat victims of the disaster in the Soviet Union.

been described by a Western expert as one of the most remarkable civil engineering feats in recent years. The most complex part was the construction of a 1¼-mile wall stretching 100 ft down into sandy soil and constructed in hazardously-radiated conditions close to the crippled Number Four reactor.

Because of the severe winter, the accumulation of water in river basins and unmelted snow around them has been nearly twice the average for the time of year. As the late spring arrives in Kiev in the coming weeks, the new defences will be subject to a crucial test which Soviet officials have assured residents repeatedly they will survive. And emergency network of artesian wells has been dug in the city in case they are wrong.

"Last year at this time, we all remember only too well, the weather was hotter and the chestnut trees were already sprouting leaves." Mrs Tamara Vashchenko said. She was one resident who refused to join last May's mass panic when thousands fled from Kiev. "This year, spring is much later, which is why we are still waiting for the flood."

The chestnut trees which dominate the city and make it the greenest in the country are themselves a poignant symbol of the crisis it has had to face. Last year, instead of being burned, the leaves had to be buried as radioactive waste in secret underground dumps also used for tens of thousands of tonnes of contaminated soil bulldozed from the exclusion zone.

In the run-up to the anniversary (a word which Kiev people themselves are loathe to use) the medical authorities have been using the media to assure those living in the city and other parts of the Ukraine that more precautions are being taken. But as the heavy post bag at *Pravda Ukrainy* has shown, anxiety remains at high levels.

A remarkable disclosure of the extent of last year's panic (reported by Western newsmen but consistently denied until now by Soviet officials) was made by Mr Yuri Opyzhenko, Deputy Ukrainian Health Minister, in an article entitled "Prognosis for the Spring", designed to convince the people of Kiev that background radiation was back now to levels recorded before the disaster.

"Nevertheless, the rumours which were popular in the city, delivered a blow to the health of the people because it caused stresses. Many people limited themselves in using fresh food, especially milk and other dairy products, vegetables, fruits and berries," he wrote.

"There were cases where people were drinking (bottled) mineral water and even washing only in mineral water, washing raspberries for three to four hours at a time, or avoiding all berries, not eating fruit at all for many months, not eating the crust of bread or drinking milk and refusing to leave their apartments for weeks on end."

Although 12 months has now passed, all fresh food sold in Kiev's 22 peasant markets must be accompanied by a special certificate showing that it has been checked for radiation. These small

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white slips of paper are readily flourished by the women sellers as the best possible advertisement for their colourful wares.

While the authorities are reluctant to admit in detail what types of food are still contaminated — the amount is claimed officially to be very small — the empty marble counters in the dairy section of Kiev's gigantic, domed Bessarabski market bears silent witness to the fact that the sale of private milk and all related products is banned indefinitely in a republic known as "the bread basket of the Soviet Union".

In the dairy section, once flourishing with more than 60 individual counters, only three were occupied, by old ladies selling home-made honey. "Nobody can sell the milk from their cows anymore," one said. "The only milk you can buy has to come through the state organizations."

While most of the peasants to whom I spoke were too busy thinking about immediate family needs to worry about future dangers in the Ukrainian food chain, more affluent Kiev people had steeled themselves into becoming fatalistic about the long-term risks. "The only way to survive mentally is to ignore every rumour that you hear," Mrs Vashchenko said.

The Chernobyl plant remains strictly out of bounds to all but a selected handful of outsiders, and a two-lane highway which has been barred to all private traffic to facilitate the flow of heavy lorries and army trucks still involved in the mammoth clean-up operation.

Fields on either side of the road remain barren.

Some 80 per cent of those operating the plant (where two reactors are now working again) were former employees who have volunteered to return. At present they live in a cluster of tower blocks on the outskirts of Kiev, but by 1990 all will be housed in a new town being built a prudent 38 miles from the plant.

Describing the situation at Chernobyl, where workers are still permitted to remain only for strictly limited periods, Mr Leonid Vodalashchenko, a 45-year-old shift supervisor, said: "Since the accident took place, the atmosphere there has been like that at the front line of any war."

Rumours of widespread discontent among young army conscripts working alongside the reservists in the dangerous clean-up operation persist, but are firmly denied by senior officials. On Tuesday it was announced by Mr Igor Plysh, chairman of the Kiev regional executive committee, that 700 individual orders and medals have already been presented to mark the bravery of those involved in the hazardous rescue operation.

Sri Lanka loses patience over search for political settlement with separatists

Colombo stops talking and launches fresh raids against Tamils

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, spelt out in unambiguous terms yesterday the official abandonment of the search for a political solution to the country's ethnic warfare until the Tamil separatist rebels are defeated.

"From now on we will talk of a political solution only after we have been able to protect this country," he said, winding up a debate in Parliament on the continuation of the emergency.

As he spoke, Sri Lankan Air Force planes were making strafing runs within the city of Jaffna itself. According to Professor Tilak Ratnakara, chairman of the Government's Media Centre, they were attacking terrorist bunkers surrounding the old Dutch fort where the Army has its base. The rebels have been launching mortar attacks on the fort from these bunkers, he said.

Professor Ratnakara said that military patrols in the Trincomalee district were moving in search of fuel and ammunition dumps hidden by the rebels. "They have had a number of successful hits at jungle hideouts," he said.

In Parliament Mr Premadasa told MPs after a long and acrimonious debate about the failure to avoid civilian casualties in the series of terrorist attacks over the past weekend: "We have had enough patience."

He said that President Jayewardene had done everything possible to come to terms with the Tamils. "We did our best to find a solution," he said, "but they have rejected everything. They want blood. They want human lives.

"Therefore," he continued, "we are not going for a political solution. We are fighting for a solution to protect Sri Lanka. We must protect the lives of Sri Lankans first. We are not prepared to find a political solution at gun point."

Referring to a resolution passed by the parliamentary group of the ruling United National Party, which urged a continuation without interruption of military action, Mr Premadasa promised: "We will go outside that resolution the day violence is ended".

Mr Premadasa directed a series of remarks at India, which is accused of harbouring and arming the Tamil rebels, but which has been waging a "good offices" campaign to find a political way out of the impasse. He pointed out that the Tamil rebels were not only a curse in Sri Lanka but have also begun to cause problems in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu. "India must take some decisive action," he said.

Then he addressed all the other countries which have been urging the Government to reach a negotiated settlement, saying: "We tell our friends in the world that they



Mr Premadasa: "We did our best to find a solution."

must allow us to protect our country, at a time when they are brutally killing our people.

"They should help us destroy those elements that are trying to destroy democracy. If they continue to support our enemies, we shall have to forget about them and look for support from some other quarter."

The debate was marked by some curious theatricals on the part of the Opposition members, who are overwhelmingly outnumbered in the House. The total Opposition strength, since MPs of the Tamil United Liberation Front were unseated in 1983, stands at no more than 11, facing a UNP group of 141.

Having pressed successfully for an extended debate on the resolution to continue the emergency, the Opposition MPs still felt that they were not given enough time to speak and tried to shout down the Prime Minister.

Four of them were named by the Speaker and ordered out of the chamber. When they refused to go, but carried on shouting and gesticulating, the Serjeant-at-Arms, a portly figure in white uniform and gold epaulettes, was summoned. He in turn called up half-a-dozen young policemen to carry them out. They shouted "resign, resign" as they went.

After a lunch break two of the four suddenly entered the chamber again and had to be ordered out once more. A fifth member of the Opposition then courted removal and was duly obliged by the same six policemen.

Only the lone representative of the Communist Party stayed in his chair to cast his vote against the resolution at the end of the debate.

At a meeting with visiting foreign correspondents, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, the Minister for National Security, declared yesterday that the bombing raids in the north would continue until the bases belonging to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students have been destroyed.

Mr Athulathmudali had a different emphasis from the Prime Minister concerning a political solution. "We still prefer a political solution," he said, but added: "Restraining our forces from attacking these targets did not help us get anywhere near a political solution. Instead we got more intransigence."

Last night travellers from Jaffna reported that the civilian and rebel casualties might not be as high as had been claimed by the Government in the past two days. According to one report, fewer than 20 bodies had been seen at Jaffna hospital after the raids.

The Government spokesman said that 80 people were killed on Wednesday, and the Government-controlled television service suggested that total casualties in the two days had reached 100.



Students protesting in Colombo yesterday against the bombing attack which claimed 106 lives at a city bus station.

Suharto election landslide

Jakarta (Reuter) — President Suharto's ruling Golkar Party yesterday won more than 72 per cent of the vote in Indonesia's elections, amid allegations that some voters were intimidated.

The official news agency quoted Mr Suryadi, chairman of the Indonesian Democratic Party, as saying that some high school students had been forced to vote for Golkar with the threat that they would fail their examinations.

The allegation was immediately denied by Golkar. It said that the charge was groundless since both the armed forces commander.

Voting was for 400 seats in the 500-member legislature, known as the House of Representatives, and for provincial and district assemblies. The other 100 seats are reserved for military appointees.

The election commission said that with 81.9 million votes counted Golkar had won 59.5 million, the Democrats 9.2 million and the Muslim-based United Development Party (PPP) 13.2 million.

Sir Geoffrey urges Hawke to be wary of Soviet interests

From Stephen Taylor, Canberra

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday urged Australia, as an important Western power in the Pacific, to be wary and vigilant. But he added that reawakened Soviet interest in the region need not be a bad thing.

Sir Geoffrey told the National Press Club here that relations with the Soviet Union must always be handled with prudence, but that it was important to recognize and welcome a change for the better.

"Play it carefully, play it cool, play it long, and if necessary, play it tough. Never leave them in any doubt that your object is better relations," he said.

East-West relations have been the focus of many discussions with Australian leaders, who last month received Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister and the first senior Kremlin man to visit Australia.

Canberra was impressed by the change of style reflected by Mr Shevardnadze's visit, and, in the words of Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, sees the present climate as an opportunity "for the West to draw the Soviet Union out into more effective exchanges and involvement".

The Soviet Embassy here warned New Zealand yesterday that the expulsion of Mr Sergei Budnik, a political counsellor, could damage relations (A Correspondent writes from Wellington). Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, said Mr Budnik had engaged in actions "not in accord with his declared status".

Sir Geoffrey said he believed that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, was a genuine reformer and suggested three "litmus tests" by which he might be judged.

- Is he really "bringing the boys back home" from Afghanistan?
- Would he accept serious verification in any arms agreement?
- Would he honour the Helsinki Declaration on migration and family reunification?

If Mr Gorbachov obtained positive results in all these tests it would be "a substantial advance for the world."

On the Pacific, he did not accept the Hawke Government's argument that by refusing to sign the nuclear-free Treaty of Raratonga, Britain and the US had damaged their regional standing.

"We think that by signing these protocols we could have given impetus to a concept that might significantly prejudice Britain's and Nato's interests," he said.

The media seemed in subdued mood, and only one questioner touched on the neglect of almost all of Sir Geoffrey's predecessors for visits to Australia.

Sir Geoffrey confessed that he had been astonished to find that Sir Alec Douglas-Home, in 1972, was the last foreign secretary to pay a visit.

It was a pity if Britain and Australia had been allowed to drift apart and if the relationship had been taken too much for granted. "Let us try and put an end to that," he said.

The traditions that bind the countries will be underlined before Sir Geoffrey's departure for Wellington today, at Anzac Day services.

Eight more arrests in French 'terror coup

Paris — Eight more people, all believed to be linked with the terrorist bombing campaign in Paris last September, have been arrested in Paris in a new coup by the French counter-espionage service (Diana Geddes writes).

The arrest of the two Moroccans, five Lebanese, and one Algerian, follow the imprisonment in Paris last month of six Tunisians and two Frenchmen on charges relating to suspected terrorist activities.

The two Moroccans, Abdel Hamid Badawi, a student, and Omar Agnaw, unemployed, were jailed on Sunday after they admitted hiding explosives in their homes similar to those used in the September bombing campaign and the attacks last spring in the capital.

Aids spreads

Lagos (Reuter) — Nigeria has reported its first three Aids deaths, confirming fears that the disease has spread to Africa's most populous nation.

Strike off

Madrid (Reuter) — Spanish air traffic controllers have cancelled a three-day strike planned for for May 3-5, but stoppages scheduled for May 15, 22, 23 and 31 are still on.

Djibouti poll

Djibouti (AFP) — Presidential and legislative elections opened calmly yesterday for the 101,000 voters of Djibouti.

First visit

Peking (Reuter) — The Czechoslovak Prime Minister, Mr Lubomir Strougal, met the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Zhao Ziyang in Peking, the first such visit since 1957.

Library move

Washington (AFP) — A Ronald Reagan presidential library will be built in southern California instead of at Stanford University near San Francisco, where faculty members had objected to the plan.

Crab hazard

Jakarta (AFP) — An airstrip in the remote Indonesian province of Irian Jaya has been closed since last July because burrowing crabs have left it covered with hillocks of dried mud.

US press gives Contras a new and upbeat image

There have been some unusually upbeat headlines about the Contras in the American press in the past few weeks. "Contras hold command post in watery corner of Nicaragua," declared *The Washington Post*. "Lifeline for a rebellion," said *Time* magazine. "Recruits 14 and younger come to fight Sandinistas," said *The Washington Times*.

The rebels, secretly created by President Reagan five years ago, have been rediscovered. Not so long ago, the press was portraying them as illiterate, drug-running thugs.

In the past week or so they have become warriors again, paddling down the Bocay river in dugout canoes towards central Nicaragua and destiny. Somebody, somewhere, is playing a very clever propaganda campaign.

The papers are full of stunning pictures of the Contras in the jungle, clutching new rifles bought with US Government aid, their spirits high. "We are more involved in combat now," said one, quoted in a picture caption in a page spread of words and photographs in *The Washington Post*.

News agencies quoted rebel leaders this week as saying there are 17,000 men in the field, mounting more than 60 attacks a week. A few months ago the same agencies were filing stories about a tired, beaten army that terrorized its countrymen.

On Monday, *Time* magazine wrote a story the opening paragraph of which could not have been bettered by President Reagan's speech writers. "Since the US resumed military aid

Washington View

By Christopher Thomas

last fall to the Contras in their seven-year-old war against the Marxist-orientated Sandinista Government, the rebels have left their training camps in Honduras and established new bases inside Nicaragua."

In a front-page piece, *The Washington Times* — ever the arch-supporter of the Contras — said of a 14-year-old "resistance soldier," as it called him: "Isn't he afraid of dying? The question seems to puzzle him. 'No, no,' he shrugs." The boy, photographed in full colour, is shown against a backdrop of dense jungle, clutching a rifle and wearing combat uniform.

Deep down in a massively long story in *The Washington Post* last Sunday, the very same boy — his name is Arcadio — surfaced again. He was described as a "volunteer from a peasant farming family". Clearly young Arcadio is an important element of the current highly organized and successful propaganda exercise.

The Washington Times began its story: "Last month, Arcadio helped his parents tend beans and coffee crops on a small plot of land along Nicaragua's Atlantic coast. Last week, he put on a brown and green camouflage uniform at a rebel camp. At the age of 14, Arcadio is ready to be a soldier."

This kind of outpouring is, without doubt, the satisfying result of a decision by the rebels' leaders, acting under the guidance of Administration officials, to allow reporters to see the fighters at their shiny best, before the latest, and perhaps last, US Government military aid runs out and they become impoverished and rag-tag again.

If this kind of publicity continued, President Reagan might stand some chance of getting the $105 million (£65 million) in new military and "humanitarian" aid he has requested from a reluctant Congress. Which, of course, is what this cleverly orchestrated publicity campaign is all about.

The timing is significant. In nine days the public Iran-Contra hearings begin on Capitol Hill, and the rebels are going to come under critical scrutiny.

In September or October, President Reagan will confront Congress with his new request for funding. He wants to be able to demonstrate that the rebels are viable, that they really can disrupt the Sandinista Government.

Mr Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, said this week that there would be "certain disaster" in Central America in the next two years if the Contras were abandoned.

The headlines are going to lose their gloss over the coming weeks and months as the Iran-Contra probe continues its ponderous journey through a labyrinth of intrigue, missing money and hidden bank accounts. The chances of renewed US military aid are slight. In all probability, Arcadio will never be heard of again.

France tackles road deaths

Drunk drivers face car confiscation

From Diana Geddes, Paris

In an attempt to reduce the annual slaughter on French roads, deputies of all political parties yesterday passed unanimously the first reading of a Bill which would double the present minimum sentence of a month's imprisonment in cases of drunken driving involving fatal accidents.

Nearly 11,000 people were killed and 260,000 injured on French roads last year; a daily average of 30 dead and more than 700 injured. The Government claims that drunken driving is responsible for 40 per cent of road deaths though the figures are disputed by automobile associations.

France has the highest rate of alcohol consumption in the world (excluding Luxembourg, where figures are artificially inflated by duty-free purchases at the frontier).

In 1984, the latest year for which official figures are available, 13.5 litres (about 24 pints) of pure alcohol were consumed per inhabitant in France, compared with 6.9 litres (over 12 pints) in Britain. France is estimated to have 4.5 million "excessive drinkers".

If, as is now virtually certain, the Bill is passed in its present form, the maximum penalties for driving over the legal limit of 0.8 grams of alcohol per litre of blood (the same as in Britain) will rise to two years' imprisonment plus a fine of 30,000 francs (£3,000); these penalties may be doubled again if death is involved.

In cases of repeated convictions for drunken driving, the Bill provides for the immediate confiscation of the offending driver's vehicle for up to 12 months in addition to the suspension of his driving licence.

French courts have already begun cracking down on drunken drivers following public uproar in January, when a drunken driver who had caused the death of a young model was given only a year's suspended sentence.

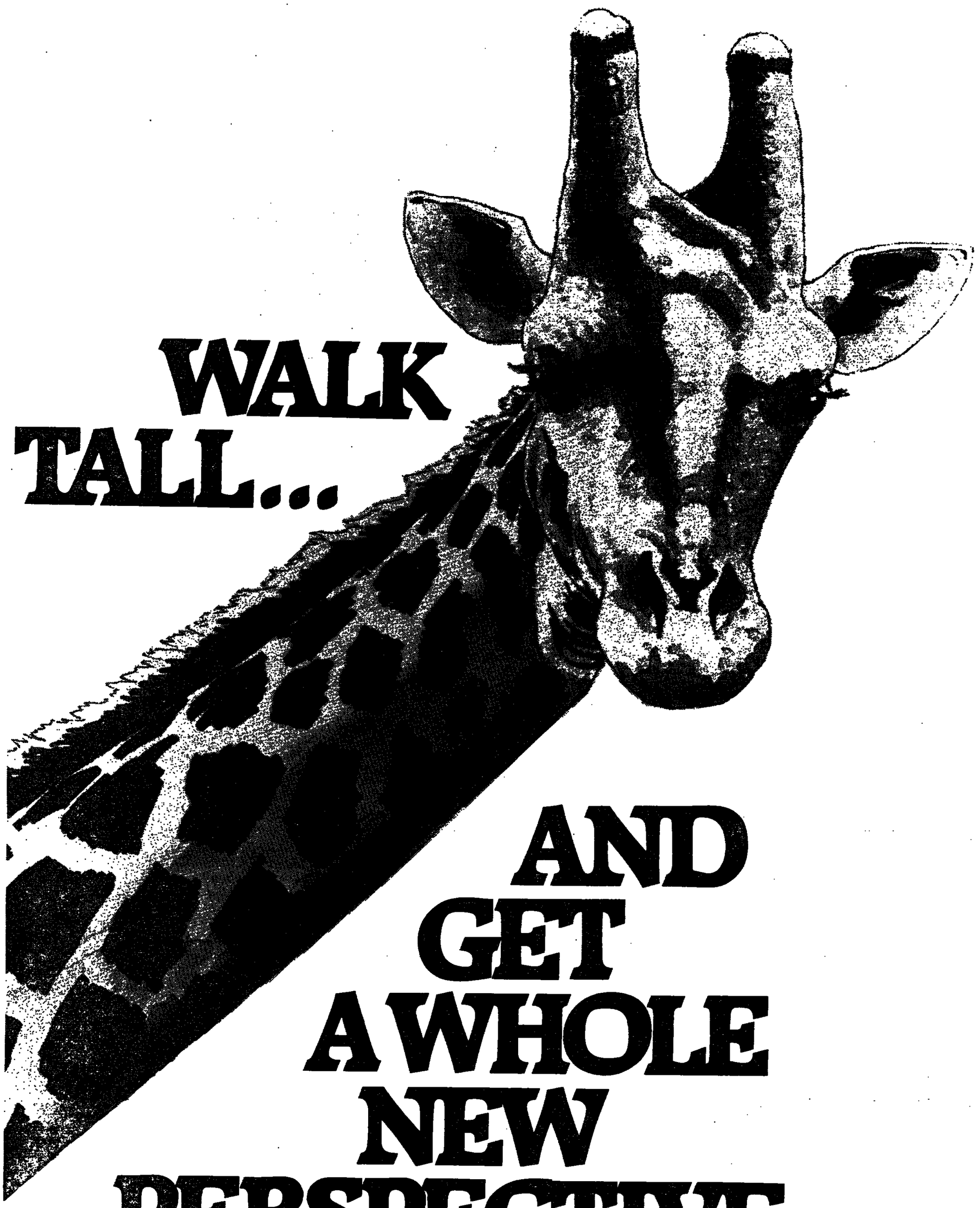
Earlier this week, a drunken driver who killed two teenage cyclists in the Loire-Atlantique, was ordered to be kept in prison while awaiting trial on charges of manslaughter.

"Drivers must learn not to drink when they drive, or not to drive when they have drunk," M Albert Chaiandon, the Justice Minister, told the National Assembly. "Our society can no longer tolerate that such tragedies should happen simply because of the irresponsible conduct of some of our fellow citizens."

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The Kennedys come to Court

Joe Kennedy's arrival as American ambassador to London brought glitter to the social scene, not least in the appearance of two of his daughters. But, as Doris Kearns Goodwin reveals, they were to become victims of tragedy



Dressed to impress at the Court of St James: Rose Kennedy, the classic matriarch, flanked by Kathleen (left), and Rosemary in May 1938, soon after Joe's arrival as US ambassador

London was Kathleen Kennedy's town. At 18 she had an exceptional look — the air of a happy temperament joined by high intelligence. Her youth and freshness made heads turn, but more than that it was her vibrant personality which captured British hearts.

Brought up to value the art of conversation, Kathleen — nicknamed "Kick" — found in London, more than in contemporary America, the social textures which allowed her best qualities to shine. She was always in the mood for liking everything, and the beaux began to pursue her more than ever before. "It was," *her mother said, "as if* everything that made Kathleen what she was came together in London."

From the start, Kathleen's social life was dictated by the season — the lavish balls and dances that were held nearly every night between April and August in honour of one or another of the coming debutantes. Protocol required that Mrs Kennedy meet the mother of any debutante before Kathleen could attend her party, so Rose was soon having tea parties at the embassy with Lady Mountbatten of Burma, whose goddaughter, Sally Norton, was considered one of the year's *outstanding debs, and Lady* Redesdale, the Mitford girls' mother, whose youngest, Deborah, was also coming out.

The British had seldom seen a girl with such vitality and informality. At weekend parties in country houses Kathleen would bound in from playing tennis, kick off her shoes and immediately join in the conversation, cheerfully expoounding on all manner of topics. Having joked with her brothers for years, she felt no constraint about teasing the British aristocracy about anything. "When she came into a room," Lady Astor's niece Dinah Bridge recalled, "everybody seemed to lighten up; she made everyone feel terribly happy and gay."

Through the endless rounds of parties and dances Kathleen gradually shaped her own circle of friends. One was Sissy Thomas, daughter of Hugh Lloyd Thomas, the former private secretary to the Prince of Wales. Through her, Kathleen met the young Oxford student whom Sissy eventually married — David Ormsby-Gore, the heir to the Harlech barony, who was to become a close friend of her brother Jack. Also in England that year, studying at the London School of Economics, was David Rockefeller, then aged 23, a confident young man whom Kathleen frequently dated. There was also William Douglas-Home, later to become a celebrated playwright, who reportedly asked *Kathleen to marry him.*

Kathleen pasted into her scrapbook hundreds of clippings detailing her social life, as well as dozens of letters and cards from her various boyfriends. "Darling Kick: When — oh when," reads one note from "Your devoted lover, Prince Ahmed Husain, Oxford."

The high point of Kathleen's social season came at Buckingham Palace when she, her sister Rosemary and their mother were presented at court. "Have to practise up on the curtsey left over from convent days," Kathleen wrote to a friend before the event. In preparation for the *day, Rose took her daugh*ters to Paris, where Kathleen selected a white net Lelong dress trimmed with silver while Rosemary chose a Molyneux. On the evening of the presentation, Rose was secretly worried that Rosemary might not be able to carry it off despite hours of practice; as it turned out, everything went splendidly and the newspapers complimented Mrs Kennedy on her two beautiful daughters,. Rosemary's retardation having gone unnoticed.

How Rosemary felt about Kathleen's astonishing popularity can only be imagined. Though she too was invited to many of the same parties, her mother never dared let her go unless she could be there to protect her and make sure that she had someone to dance with. "This is where Kathleen was so special," Rose recalled. "In the midst of her own excitement, she never forgot about Rosemary. In fact, she somehow managed to juggle her own suitors around so that one of them was always dancing with Rosemary."

Moving about in a world that was overwhelmingly Protestant, it was perhaps inevitable that Kathleen would fall in love with a non-Catholic man. But at the time Rose was not concerned, for *she judged correctly that* Kathleen was more in love with the season and with life in general than with any young man in particular. If she worried to herself on occasion that Kick was meeting too many Protestants, she figured there was safety in numbers.

It all might have worked out as Rose Kennedy imagined had Kathleen not met William Cavendish, known to everyone as "Billy", the Marquess of Hartington and heir to the Duke of Devonshire.

Kathleen and Billy first met at a garden party given by the *King and Queen on July 18,* 1938. A warm summer breeze filled the gardens of Buckingham Palace with the scent of flowers as Kathleen arrived in the company of her friend Sissy and her two older brothers, Joe Junior and Jack.

Only special guests, including the Ambassador and his family, were invited to tea in the royal enclosure. It was there, as she was strolling with Sissy and David Ormsby-Gore, that Kathleen encountered Billy, David's cousin and best friend. From the first moment, Kathleen later told her mother, she realized she had never encountered a more substantial and interesting figure. For nearly an hour the two stood talking amid a constant swirl of activity, and when the conversation was over they both knew, Kathleen later said, that something special was going to happen.

Throughout his years at Eton and now at Trinity College, Cambridge, Billy's female acquaintances had been drawn from the highest aristocratic circle, and he was now considered one of the most eligible noblemen in all of England. Amused, perplexed and charmed, he had never before heard a young girl express herself so forcefully on so many issues.

The week after they met, he invited Kathleen to Compton Place, one of the family's eight homes, for the Goodwood races. After the weekend, Kathleen's state of mind struck her friends as unprecedented. She collected every newspaper picture of Billy she could find — although she knew better than to let him know how she felt, and made sure to continue accepting the invitations of other men so that he would know she was still in demand.

The friendship developed as the months passed, and by the summer of 1939 Kathleen's closest friends assumed that she and Billy were semi-engaged. But when reports of their engagement appeared in the Boston newspapers, both families immediately denied the rumour. The truth was *that the couple had reached no* such agreement. Religion remained an insurmountable obstacle. For Kathleen, though, the romance lent a vitality to her life in England which made her wish that the ambassadorship would never come to an end.

But on Sunday, September 2, Rose, Joe Junior, Jack and Kathleen took their seats in the Strangers' Gallery at the House of Commons to hear the Prime Minster announce that Britain was at war with Germany. Less than a fortnight later, Kathleen was on her way home.

Adjustment to life back in the United States was difficult. She enrolled at Finch *College, a New York finishing* school, to study art and design, but she lived mainly for the weekends when she could visit her brothers in Cambridge, Massachusetts, or accompany them to social events in New York and Baltimore. As always, the young men flocked around her, but her heart was still in England.

Intervening on his sister's behalf, Jack wrote to his father in the spring of 1940, telling him that Kick was very keen to go over to England. Joe, however, was adamant about keeping his children safe from the certain catastrophe he saw descending. It was not for almost four years that she was able to return, finally being accepted by the American Red Cross to serve in one of the rest-and-recreation clubs that it was setting up all over England for American servicemen on leave.

The young American women whom the Red Cross recruited were expected to provide various services to the GIs, including dancing, playing cards and other games, providing help in writing letters and listening as they talked of their experiences. Assigned to the Hans Crescent Club, just behind Harrod's, Kathleen was allowed only a day and a half off each week but still managed to lead an active social life, often visiting Cliveden at weekends.

Billy Hartington was stationed in Scotland with the Coldstream Guards when she arrived in England, but as soon as he heard she was back he travelled down to London. Kathleen later told her mother that they both knew that night that they still loved each other but until they could work out some solution to the problem of religion there was nothing they could do about it.

It was difficult to imagine how they could marry without destroying their families. Although Joe wrote to Kathleen that "the best is none too good for you but if you decide it's a Chinaman, it's okay with me", Rose was becoming more and more distraught. Billy, aware of his father's deep alarm over the prospect of a Catholic heir, felt that he could not go against his family. Their efforts to be granted a special dispensation came to nothing.

Kathleen hated the idea of getting married in a civil ceremony, but in April 1944, after spending three days in Yorkshire with Billy, enjoying lobsters and champagne every night, she finally consented to marry him on what were essentially his terms, agreeing to bring up any children of the marriage as Anglicans.

Since Billy's unit was scheduled to take part in the Normandy invasion in June, the wedding had to be held almost immediately. Ushered into a small drab room in the Chelsea Register Office on the morning of Saturday, May 6, the bride — escorted only by her brother, Joe Junior — met the groom and his family.

After five weeks of marriage, Billy received the order to rejoin his regiment. Kathleen was staying with the Devonshires in London in the first week of August when she heard of the death of Joe Junior, killed when the plane he was piloting on a secret mission blew up over the south coast of England. She flew to the family home in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts.

On September 12, the family made a trip to New York. Kathleen was trying on dresses in Bonwit Teller's when her sister Eunice appeared with a message that they must return to the Waldorf to talk to Daddy. Joe was waiting at the door of his suite when they arrived. Placing his arm around Kathleen, he ushered her in and behind closed doors told her that Billy had been killed in action.

"So ends the story of Billy and Kick," Kathleen recorded in her diary. "I can't believe that the one thing I feared might happen should have happened. Life can be so cruel."

Adapted from The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys: An American Saga, *by Doris Kearns Goodwin, to be published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson on April 30 at £16.95*

The secret ruin of Rosemary

Rosemary, Kathleen's younger sister, had always been a backward child, but in the 18 months after she returned to America from England in 1941, there was a marked deterioration in her mental skills.

Her customary good nature gave way to tantrums, rages and violent behaviour. Pacing up and down the halls of her home, she was like a wild animal, given to screaming, cursing, and thrashing out at anyone who tried to thwart her will. No one fully understood what had happened, though some experts traced the violent shift in mood to the belated sexual changes that were bringing the 21-year-old Rosemary into womanhood.

Rosemary's mother could not rid herself of the fear that something terrible was going to happen. "I was always worried," Rose later noted, "that she would run away from home someday or that she would go off with someone who would flatter her or kidnap her." And there was the deeper fear that Rosemary would get pregnant. She stood 5ft 7in tall, with a full, rounded figure, a clear complexion and excellent features.

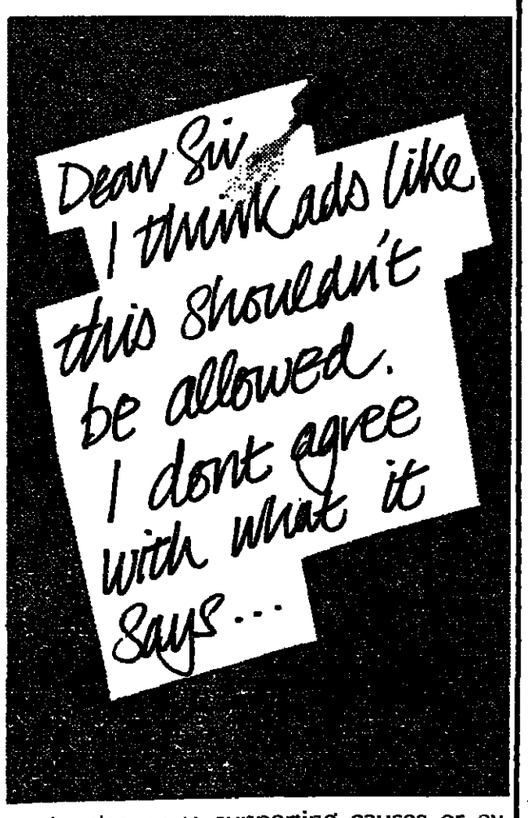
Joe Kennedy decided to act. In England he had talked with doctors about a pioneering operation called a prefrontal lobotomy, in which a small hole was drilled in the skull and a knifelike instrument inserted into the front part of the brain to sever the connecting fibres and disconnect the lobe areas from the rest of the brain centres.



Before the fall: Rosemary in a rare moment of levity

Kennedy, keeping the secret even from his wife, had the operation done — but it went tragically wrong. Rosemary emerged far worse than she had been before. She was sent to an institution run by nuns and still the family was not told of her true condition. They were advised not to visit.

It was only in 1961, nearly 20 years after the lobotomy, that — when her husband had a stroke — Rose Kennedy visited her daughter and found out the truth. "He thought it would help her," she was to say much later, "but it erased all the years of effort I had put into her. It was all gone in a matter of minutes."



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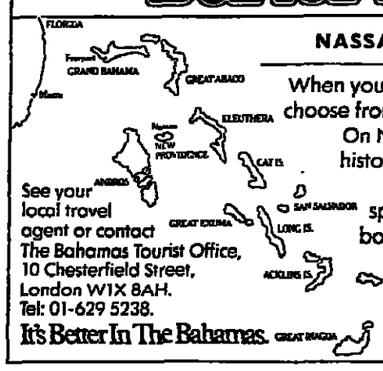
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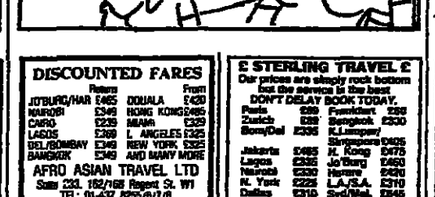
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TRAVEL NEWS

Peace at a price

Proving my theory that the more expensive the holiday the fewer people appear in the promotional pictures is the 10th edition of Halsey Marine's brochure of charter yachts which shows only an occasional sleek blond decorating long vistas of immaculate deck. The smallest dream machine featured has room for two plus the captain and crew at £1,586 a week half board. The largest boats sleep 16 guests and cost from £42,424 a week plus victualling and bunkering. Cruising grounds are mainly the Mediterranean and Caribbean. Halsey Marine 01-724 1303.

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Freewheeling on a shoestring

Jenny Greene combines a cheap cycling holiday in Normandy with a healthy appetite for French food



Sights for saddle-sore eyes: a beautiful medieval barn set in an orchard in Normandy — just one of the many gems spotted from the road on a cycling holiday

My idea of a bicycle trip is a ten-minute ride to the allotment for the lunchtime salad. So when the beloved suggested that this year we might go on a cycling holiday, I was, frankly, nervous. It sounded too sporty.

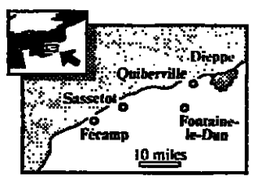
It emerged he had been seduced by a special Monday to Friday cheap return fare on the Newhaven-Dieppe ferry. He had then done some research in the Michelin guide and found that there were four Red-R restaurants in an 80-mile area around Dieppe. Red-Rs, one notch down from one stars, are known for their exceptionally good regional cooking and value for money. I could not worry, he pointed out reasonably, about lots of mayonnaise and *tarte tatin* because I'd be cycling it off.

It began to sound better. The 20-odd miles between Red-Rs could be spent admiring the countryside and anticipating *poulet bonne maman*. All that remained was the little problem of fitting a week's clothes into an ordinary wicker bicycle basket.

Most of our friends thought we were mad to go without booking anything. However, as Normandy tends to be the region people drive through, rather than stay in, that wasn't a worry. We did take the precaution of organizing a room for the first evening as the ferry was not due to dock until 7pm.

Channel ferry journeys are not my idea of heaven; the long hill out of Dieppe westwards seemed bliss in comparison.

The French treated us like the mad English they learn about in schoolbooks. Accustomed as they are to sports bicycles at Tour de France level, they couldn't believe their eyes when we appeared on our sit-up-and-beg bikes with baskets. Though the inhabitants of Normandy are supposed (or so the Parisians would have you believe) to lack humour, we found them full of bonhomie. They took special pleasure in winding down their car windows as they flashed by on hills shouting encouragement.



'Our friends thought we were daft to go without first booking and the French treated us like the mad English they learn about in school'

I don't know whether it was the prospect of an *assiette de fruits de mer* followed by strawberries and a thick bowl of yellow cream that kept me going the eight miles to Quiberville that night, or the terror of not having a bed. Whatever it was, I felt terrifically virtuous and relieved when L'Huitrière came into sight at the end of the coast road. L'Huitriere had rooms — none of the others did — but by picking Michelin one-star hotels we managed to spend no more than £10 a night for two. (Dinner on average cost £40, as we pursued what I like to think was useful gastronomic research.)

At this level French hotels are clean and basic. Very basic. Minor irritations like the bathroom door not closing because a radiator is in the way, or the bed ending in a precipice because an optimistic planner had hoped to fit a 4ft 6in bed into a 4ft 3in alcove were easy to bear at that price. The only deprivation we suffered, honestly, was the nice fluffy towels the size of bedsheets you get in good hotels. On the £10 band you get a threadbare 18in square. You will also need your own soap and, occasionally in Normandy, a bathplug.

The minor roads around Dieppe are calm and empty. It's a nice area for cycling, not too hilly, not boringly flat. On a bike you get to know your surroundings more intimately than you would in a car. Around you are ripening fields of barley, nippy-fingered fishermen who disentangle stubborn crabs from their nets, endless dog roses and lilies in seaside dream houses with names like L'Air Pur, Le Home and Pourquoi Pas? Sightseeing was an elegant pink-washed chateau at Sassetot, up for sale at £200,000 according to le patron at the hamlet's *Relais*, and the lovely bucolic stained glass windows in the small church at Longueil.

Best of all, I thought, were the restaurants. They were all good, but my favourite was a lovely "Madame" restaurant at Sassetot where they make you welcome, feed you well, and where Monsieur, not normally visible, appears briefly to check on who has ordered the bottle of '75 Chasse-Spleen.

One warning, at this level don't be surprised if what is advertised outside is not on the menu once you get inside. Even the complaints of a disgruntled French commercial traveller in one place failed to move them. No, monsieur, there was no *ris de veau*. He could either lump it, or have a conciliatory cheese course on the house.

I managed the mileage. My muscles didn't seize up. You don't need your tiara for French restaurants anyway so very few clothes were enough. The trip cost us £200 each. We came back thinner, lighter and nauseatingly pleased with ourselves.

TRAVEL NOTES

The Red-Rs were: Quiberville — L'Huitrière (35 83 02 96) (has rooms). Fontaine-le-Dun — Le Gastronome (35 97 40 10). Sassetot-le-Mauconduit — Relais des Dalles (35 27 41 83). Fecamp — 2 Place N. Selles, Le Maritime (35 28 21 71). A friendly bus service (takes bikes) operates daily from Fecamp to Dieppe for the return journey. It takes three hours. Details from Syndicat d'Initiatives at Dieppe.

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Another test showed that a number of digging forks (even some well known and expensive makes) buckled under when applied to tougher garden jobs such as lifting shrubs.

An off-beat feature reported on some Imperial College research into four varieties of pea – planted in the same soil at 18 sites between Ascot and London – which showed a significant decrease in yields the closer to central London they were grown, with air pollution the probable cause.

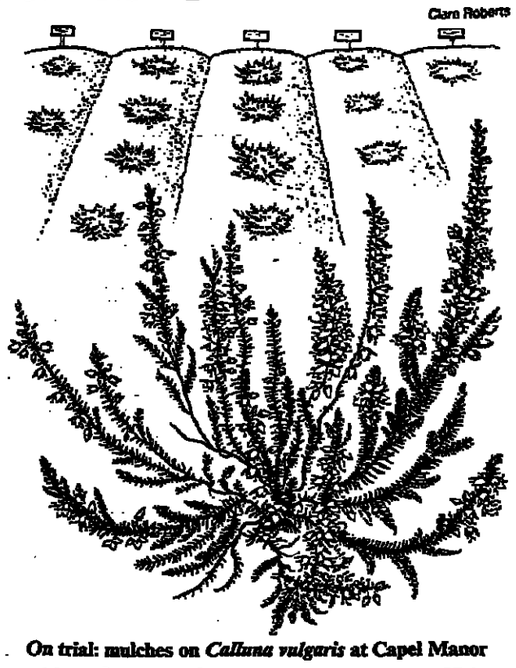
Gardening from Which? has its fifth birthday this month. With a membership of 16,000 it has become the most widely bought gardening magazine in Britain.

Evaluating garden products, investigating techniques, suppliers, plants and garden safety, the editorial team is nervously alert to changes in taste. The main thrust of the magazine is middle-of-the-road, but it also responds to new areas of thinking and to specialist interests.

The success of the enterprise depends, of course, on the effectiveness of the testing. *Gardening from Which?* now has an 1,800-strong panel of gardeners prepared to carry out testing on their own premises. Information about them on a computer database, says research co-ordinator Rose Ward, can be used to quickly find "23 left-handed gardens in Surrey, or an organic gardener in every county in Britain".

Testing by a large number of domestic gardeners revealed that although pelleted seed works well in commercial horticulture, for the amateur, often faced with less than ideal conditions, it does not germinate as well as ordinary less expensive unpelleted seed.

As its reputation has become established, *Gardening from Which?* has found research institutions have become interested in undertaking work on its behalf, and it can now call on about 40 test sites to evaluate anything from raspberry bushes to greenhouses. The "ideal mowing machine" for weekly cutting down to not less than an inch (with clippings-collection optional) was established over a three-year trial at the University of Reading.



Clare Roberts

On trial: mulches on *Calluna vulgaris* at Capel Manor

The main trial grounds on five acres behind Capel Manor Horticultural and Environmental Centre at Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, are designed and supervised by *Gardening from Which?* gardeners, but frequently involve students there. Visitors are always welcome but numbers build up over the summer to the open days in July.

When I went to look round last week, a selection of scented varieties of hybrid tea and floribunda roses had just been settled in their beds, ready for a review of their scents during summer.

Visitors will be asked for their opinons at the open days (leading rosarians will also be consulted and a group of other keen-nosed professionals including perfumiers). The terms of this assessment are still under discussion: will variety names such as Fragrant Delight prejudice testers in their favour? Will some assessors be predisposed towards roses of a certain colour? Should they sniff blindfold or respond to the rose as a total experience of scent, colour and form?

The substantial conifer hedging trial now well under way compares the performance of container plants against cheaper bare-rooted ones. Further on, two large beds are sub-divided to show the effect of different kinds of mulch (peat, bark, polythene, etc) on annual weeds, and six other small test beds will show what influence acid or alkaline soil has on plant life.

A new trial which took my interest is investigating unusual shrubs from various suppliers. An increasing number of gardeners want to grow plants such as the busy, pink-flowered *Abelia schumanni*, the silver-silky *Convulvulus cneorum*, or the late flowering *Eucryphia glutinosa*.

It is easy enough to trace suppliers for them, but as the trials gardener Miranda Townsend-Coles pointed out, she could only guess at the quality of such plants. Other experimental plots will be occupied with testing techniques of vegetable growing and the garden qualities of a range of ornamental grasses.

The Gardening from Which? trials garden is just off the M25 junction with the A10 (first right into Bullsmoor Lane). Open 9am-4pm weekdays, 11am-6pm weekends. Entry fee of £1 (OAPs and children 50p) gives access to the interesting garden of Capel Manor itself (including a 17th century historic garden, alpine display house and walled garden), as well as the developing trial grounds. On July 25-26, Gardening from Which? and the Enfield and District Fuchsia Society have combined open days and shows. (Gardens open 11am-6pm, special events 2pm-6pm.) For further details write to Roger Davies, Editor, Gardening from Which? Consumers' Association, 14 Buckingham Street, London WC2 6DS.

Francesca Greenoak

GARDEN NEWS

The National Auricula and Primula Society is holding its regional shows of auriculas, those strange alpine primulas, highly popular in the 19th century (some so fantastic in colour and form they seem hardly real).
The Midland Show: April 25 at the Oliver Bird Hall, Solihull. Opens at 2pm. Entry 25p.
The Southern Show: May 2 at Church House, Trinity Church, Brompton Road, London SW7. (At rear or Brompton Oratory). Entry free, opens at 2pm.
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WEEKEND TIPS

- **Replant self-sown seedlings (hellbore, alchemilla, verbascum, foxglove) to their permanent homes.**
- **When sowing, don't forget to tamp-down compost gently but firmly, before and after sowing.**
- **Water tiny seedlings with a spray, larger ones with a watering can with a fine rose.**
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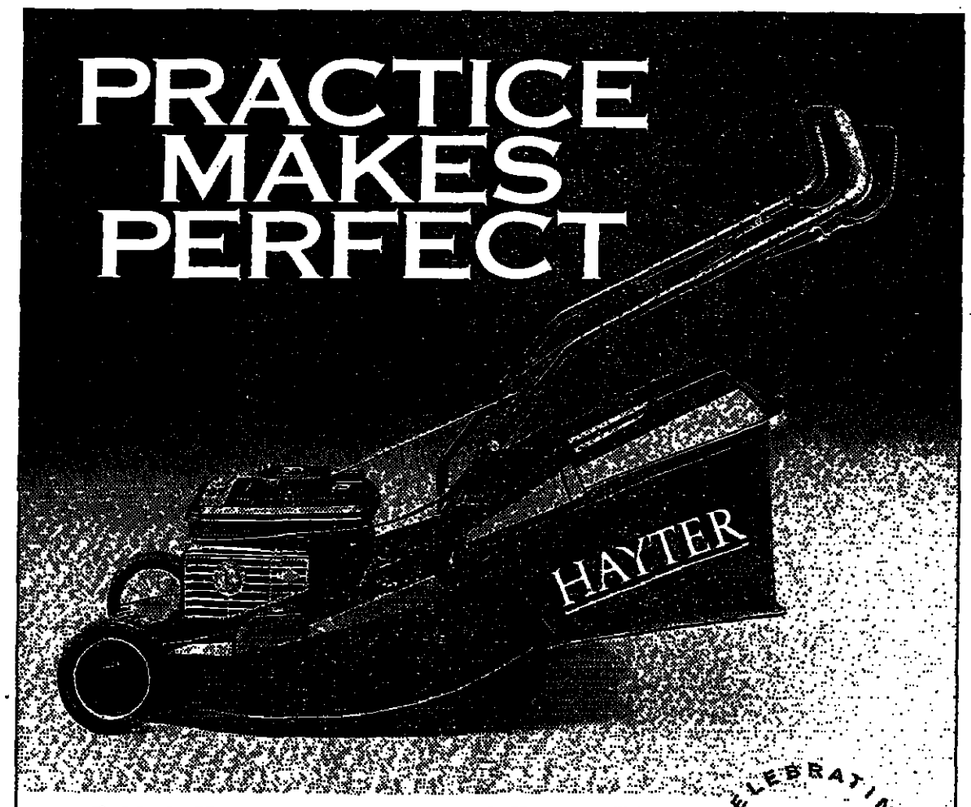
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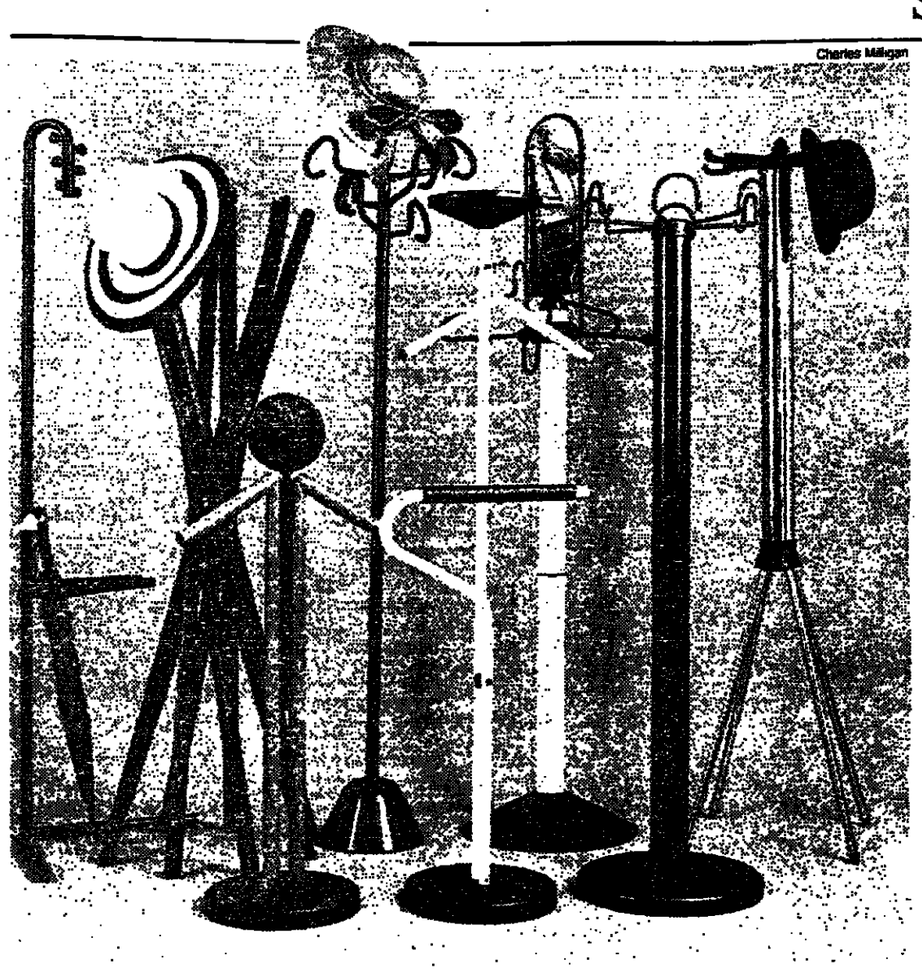
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SHOPPING


Charles Milligan

Hats off with style

Nicole Swengley on how the traditional wooden hat stand has turned hi-tech

Design-consciousness is lighting up every dark corner these days. The latest home and office necessity to receive "style treatment" is the humble hat stand, and the current crop – a far cry from classic bentwood – is tough and tubular, head-turning and hi-tech.

Cubic Metre's Monster coat stand, designed by Minale Tattersfield, is made of tubular steel in a choice of glossy black, red with black detail or black with red detail. It stands 178cm tall with six hooks at its head and costs £79.99, which includes an optional umbrella ring and removable drip-tray. Similarly svelt is Servomanto by Zanotta, £214 from Co-existence, which has a slender tubular body in black or white and a heavy, conical base.

Sciangai, £279 from Oscar Woollens, is designed by the award-winning Italian team Depas, D'Urbino, Lonazzi, in beech stained black or with a natural finish. When open, the wooden rods splay out, wigwam-like; when closed, they twist back together into parallel lines.

Another Italian designer, Pietro Arosio, has created two functional, yet shapely, coat stands for Airon and these are available in the UK courtesy of Link Imports. His chirpy Boy design at £124 is 109cm tall with a circular head which pulls down and out to offer a container for cuff-links and jewellery. Shirts, jackets and cardigans can be flung around his shoulders.

Cadetto, £112, is taller than Boy at 150cm. It has two matching, removable coat-hangers and an integral hanging bar. Both models have epoxy paint finishes in red, yellow, royal and sky blue, green, white, black, chrome or silver.

Stilo, £64, designed by Boccato, Gigante and Zambusi for Seccose is available in the UK through Ideas for Living. This sturdy metal coat stand has a tough, black plastic base and six black hooks plus an optional umbrella stand, Ombre, which is available for an extra £33. Stilo comes in a choice of red, black, yellow, white or grey. The same Italian design group has come up with Palomuto Valet, £103, which has enamelled steel sections, a mirror and two coat-hooks. It is 172cm tall and available in white, grey, yellow, red and green through Ideas for Living.

Rocket has obviously been created with the upwardly mobile in mind. This space-age telescopic coat stand, £80, came on to the market last year, designed by Andries & Hiroko Van Onck for Magis. It is now available in the UK through Pira Ltd. The body is steel tubing with fold-up black polyamide hooks at the top and it comes in red, yellow, black, white or chrome.

From left: Monster coatstand (£79.99), Cubic Metre; Sciangai (£279), Oscar Woollens; Servomanto (£214), Co-existence; Airon Boy (£124) and Airon Cadetto (£112), for stockists contact Link Imports; Palomuto Valet (£103) and Stilo (£64), both by Seccose, for stockists contact Ideas for Living; Rocket by Magis (£80), Harrods and for further stockists contact Pira Ltd. Bowler hat from James Lock & Co Ltd, 6 St James's Street, London SW1; hats and umbrella from Fortnum & Mason, Piccadilly, London W1

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NEW LINES

● Burberrys is hoping to woo new customers from an early age. Its new British-made Teddy – complete with Burberry check paws and detachable check bow tie – is available from Burberrys' Regent Street and Haymarket stores in London. At £25 (small bears), £39.50 (medium bears) and £45 (large bears), Burberry bear may not find his way into every child's nursery but he'll certainly creep into a lot of adults' bedrooms.

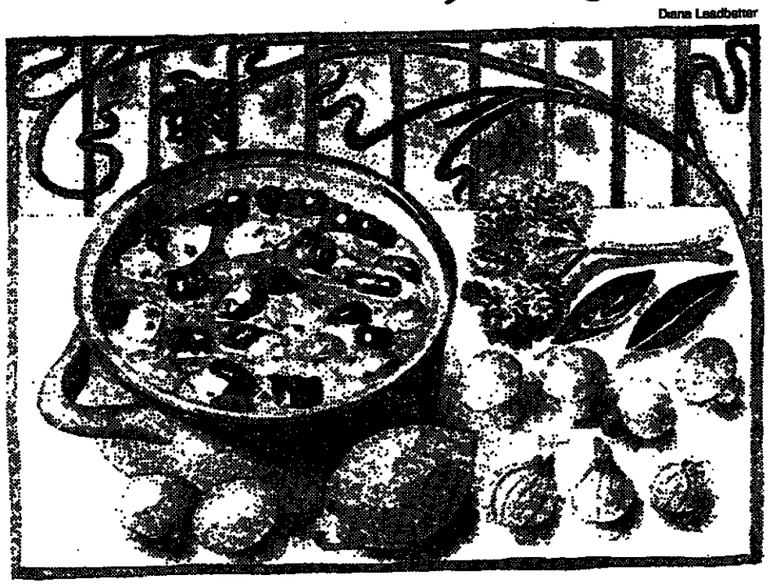
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THE TIMES COOK

Hot winners, by a nose

Fond memories of the taste and smells of Paris, recalled by guest cook Sheila Hutchins


Dana Leadbetter

For a moment it brought it all back to me. The water running along the great stone gutters in the early morning to wash the Paris streets, the peculiar smell of *eau de javelle* the French use for cleaning bathrooms and which was always perceptible in the Metro. The art nouveau ironwork and the tramps sleeping on the warm gratings, hairy men with old army gloves cut into mittens.

It was the smell of the *Côtes de Porc à la Charcutière* that did it. This used to be a great favourite in those little Left Bank restaurants with the paper tablecloths and menus in purple ink when I was a student at the Sorbonne. It mostly followed the large tureens of vegetable soup, and was so popular that I believe you could buy it ready cooked from the pork butcher.

Côtes de Porc à la Charcutière
Serves four

- 4 pork chops
- 2 tablespoons lard
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 2 heaped tablespoons finely chopped onions
- Half pint white wine
- French mustard, salt, pepper, gherkins

Pork chops are very good value and delicious if cooked slowly on a low heat, otherwise they become dry and tough. To be really succulent they should be thick cut.

Brown the chops lightly in one tablespoon of lard adding salt and pepper and cook till they are tender and golden on both sides. Meanwhile, fry two heaped tablespoons of finely chopped onion gently in lard to soften but not brown. Sprinkle them with flour and cook, stirring occasionally until golden.

Dilute this with half a pint of white wine, heat it to bubbling for a few minutes and add a teaspoon of French mustard and two tablespoons of gherkins cut in thin strips. The chops are often served arranged in a crown around a mound of mashed potatoes with the sauce poured round them and garnished with watercress.

Blanquette à l'ancienne is a French household favourite classically made with veal but often with lean stewing lamb or rabbit.

Blanquette à l'ancienne
Serves four

- 2lbs pie veal or stewing lamb, boned, cut in chunks and trimmed of fat
- Salt, pepper, nutmeg
- 2 bay leaves
- Piece of thyme
- Piece of parsley
- 6oz of butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 6oz button mushrooms
- 16 peeled button onions (can be frozen packet onions)
- 2 egg yolks
- Juice of a lemon

Melt the butter in a saucepan. Frizzle the meat in this gently for about 10 minutes. Do not let it brown. Stir in the flour and add just enough hot water to cover the meat. Add salt, pepper, nutmeg and the herbs. Stir in the whole unpeeled button mushrooms and the tiny onions (from a frozen packet if wished). Let it simmer with a lid on for about two hours on a low heat, just bubbling but not getting very hot.

Just before serving remove the bay leaves, thyme and parsley from the stew. Beat up the yolks of the eggs with the strained juice of a lemon. Stir this gradually into the hot stock, then pour it back over the meat. Do not let it boil as the eggs would scramble. The blanquette is served on a hot dish often garnished with chopped parsley and goes perfectly with buttery new potatoes.

Pommes Concierge is one of those simple things which, like toast, must be tasted to be appreciated. I had the recipe from Madame Sophie who was concierge at one of those tall, narrow hotels near the Boul' Mich'. She used to pop out of her lace-matted sitting room every time the bell rang and wore the usual black, cheered slightly by brighter carpet slippers.

Pommes Concierge
Serves four

- 2lbs eating apples
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Strip of lemon peel
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Half a pint of single cream

Peel, core and slice 2lb of eating apples in slim half moons. Put them in a fireproof dish with two heaped tablespoons of butter, one tablespoon of water, one tablespoon of sugar and a strip of lemon peel. Bake them for 30 minutes in a moderate oven (350°, Mark 4). To be served in the dish – with cream.

It is strange how the eye mists over and the mouth waters at the memory of these old French family dishes.

Sheila Hutchins is a cookery columnist and author.

EATING OUT


Francis Mosley

Home cooking with West Coast chic

Jonathan Meades samples the health and elegant simplicity of the all-Californian service with a smile

No one actually enjoins you to "Have a Nice Day Now", but the threat is there. The staff are happy to be working at Jams. They let you know it with teeth that are an orthodontist's delight. Can they smile!

They radiate health and sunkissed wholesomeness. Their check shirts are of the sort associated with chuckwagons and hunks of buffalo grilled on embers beneath the stars. On the telephone they tell you it will be fabulous to see you. This is a Californian joint.

The kitchen is Freedom of Information approved. It is open and necessarily spotless. The cooks are squeaky-clean chunks of manhood. One of them is a ringer for Jeff Bridges. They are all vigorously delighted to be char-grilling pigeons and ecologically-OK fowl, but you know they'd be even more vigorously delighted to be char-grilling the thighs of a bear that they had wrestled into submission.

Strength, health, simplicity – yes, it sounds like a naturist Magazine of the '50s. But this is Green Park in the late Eighties when those qualities have been invested with an unmistakable chic. The cooking is homely with an elegant twist. The decor is minimalist but not strivingly so. The super-friendliness of the service does not immediately suggest EST, though you do come to realize that there is an automaton-like quality to it all.

Though Jams may be an outpost of a culinary tradition that is a million miles from that of McDonald's, it shares that organization's tendency towards spray-on chumminess. Still, better that than superciliousness or off-hand amateurishness or surliness.

It is perhaps risky to call a restaurant's cooking homely: that abused adjective too often denotes stodge, an untutored hand at the stove, a sense of making-do. What I mean is that it is straightforward, generously served and reliant on good ingredients which are left unmasked.

This sort of Californian cookery is remarkably akin to the *plein air* cookery of French weekenders and of rustic establishments in northern Italy. Anyone with the relevant volumes of Elizabeth David and a sense of restraint can do it; too few do, not because they lack those books but because they want to improvise and "improve". Jams should be a lesson to them.

The aforementioned pigeon is served as a starter in a warm salad with a proper vinaigrette, and as a main course with a butter sauce on a plateful of perfectly done vegetables (strips of celeriac, baby turnips, carrots, peppers). Another salad starter is composed of fried oyster mushrooms, lamb's lettuce, endive, spinach and so on. The fungus is not so thoroughly drained that you can't discern the taste of the good olive oil in which it is fried.

> The cooks are squeaky-clean chunks of manhood

Guinea fowl gets a treatment similar to the pigeon's and was spot on, just this side of gamey. The best dish of all was a starter of "angel hair" pasta with scallops and salmon eggs in a creamy fish reduction. Timing is crucial in this sort of cooking and it seems that Jam's kitchen has it to a tee.

There is a marked disjunction between the sweets here and what precedes them. Further, the place offers no cheese, which is a mistake. I don't know what the state of Californian cheesemaking is, but I do know that the old idea of cheese as an accompaniment to the last glass of wine makes sense.

Maybe cheese is disapproved of by the Health-Tyranny of the West Coast. But if that's the case, what is so healthy about strawberries with cream and biscuits or key lime pie (which is acidic lime curd on short pastry)?

The Californian wines are on the pricey side – over £20 for Mondavi's superlative Cabernet Sauvignon, £16 for the Firestone from the same varietal: there exists a number of red brutes, such as Wente's Zinfandel, which might be added to the bottom end of the list. As it is, with a respectable bottle, you're unlikely to see much change from £70.

The cooking at **Boyd's Glass Garden Restaurant** is much more elaborate. The chef/owner is tirelessly fanciful and he certainly has the technical apparatus to execute his whims, some of which are unexceptionable.

There's a salmon and wild mushroom terrine which is really a cold coulbiac without the pastry – layers of salmon, rice, egg and fungus, served with a sauce of sour cream flavoured with dill.

He ingeniously stuffs veal with spinach and pheasant forcemeat and gives it a delightful Calvados sauce, but the parts are more than the whole, which is a bit on the busy side. Good quality lamb fillet gets a puff pastry envelope and hefty sauce which is the ram's answer to Bovril.

There are some decent cheeses here, properly kept, but again the desire to be different has prompted the inclusion of an English farmhouse cheese of deserved obscurity. The house's chocolate marquise is first rate, its cocktails aren't. With a bottle of Gigondas and a cognac, two will pay £60.

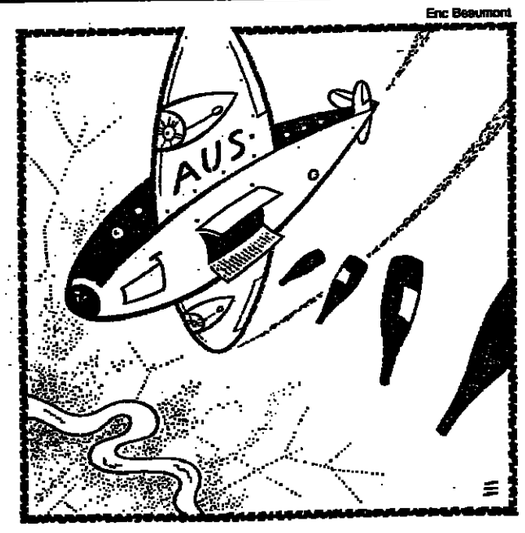
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DRINK

On top from down under

Jane MacQuitty on wizards from Oz that are breaking the Californian spell



Eric Beaumont

Move over California, Australia wants some of your shelf-space. In the constantly changing High Street battle, as to who sells what where, Australia is gradually chipping away at its other non-classic competition to get the wine honours and outlets it deserves.

For years Australian winemakers were content, it seems, to let California and others monopolize our non-European wine shelves. But the Australians had a change of heart some three years ago and since then have been determinedly wooing British wine buyers.

Of them all, the national winemen who appear to have fallen most heavily for Australia's charms are Tim Waters and John Vaughan-Hughes from Oddbins. Their first light-hearted flutter with Australia was last September when they imported some 2,000 cases of an attractive Barossa Valley Estates foursome, priced at just £2.69. And as Tim Waters put it "they flew out the door" as did the additional container loads ordered just in time for Christmas.

By now Oddbins were deeply smitten and decided not just to stock the obvious wine names, such as Rosemount, but to continue to seek out exclusivities like the Hill-Smith's Barossa Valley Estates offerings.

Penfolds, among others, obligingly took the bait, and at the same time the Australian dollar took an agreeable dive giving Oddbins a great deal more purchasing power. (An Australian wine sold for £4.99 two years ago, they claim, would be on sale today for an infinitely more appetizing £3.99.) Even so, Oddbins were amazed when Penfolds sent over their price list: "We just couldn't believe it. The prices were ludicrously low . . . we'll take the lot please."

If all this sounds like small beer to European wine devotees, Oddbins state that by the end of May they will have shipped about 40,000 cases from Australia this year alone and imports could easily be twice that by the end of 1987. Not bad considering that the total Australian wine imports last year added up to just 200,000 cases, but still a long way to go before they match California's wine imports which sold in excess of 250,000 cases last year.

Having just tasted my way through 25 of Oddbins' new Australian wine range, all I can say is that California better watch out. The quality is first class, the prices are rock bottom (for once even lower than Majestic) and Oddbins deserves a medal for bringing this "lot" over.

My two favourites in the range are a Penfolds' pair of wines, exclusive to Oddbins, and given away at just £2.99 each. The white is an extraordinarily good '82 Penfold Bin 69 Semillon with its deep golden yellow colour and classic big rich toasty, buttery Hunter Valley Semillon taste overlaid with that always intriguing and equally classic citric note. Hunter Valley Semillon, incidentally, derives its distinctive toasty flavour not from oak ageing but from the volcanic Hunter soil.

Penfolds' 1982 Mourvedre/Shiraz Bin 2 is the other £2.99 bargain whose full red colour and rich spicy-cedary nose is backed up by lots of ripe, smoky fruit and a little of that chunky, chocolate flavour that Penfolds' more expensive wines boast.

Other good inexpensive Oddbins Australian purchases include a new addition to the Barossa Valley Estates range, the '86 Gewürztraminer (£2.99), whose pale straw gold colour has a lovely light, elegant, flowery-spicy palate with good acidity and none of that bitter oily aspect that Gewürztraminer wines from hot countries suffer from.

The '86 Rhine Riesling from the same stable has even gone down 20p from last year's price to £2.49, and with its fresh, flowery, zesty lime-juice-like fragrance and taste is actually a better wine than the previous '85 vintage. Its invigorating style will make it a good spring aperitif and first course wine.

If you want to spend more, the Hardy family's Chateau Reynella '85 Chardonnay (£4.99) is what you should be spending it on. I loved its smoky, vanilla-like nose (due to a six-month stint in French oak barrels) backed up by its deliciously rich, ripe palate. Its red equivalent, the '82 Chateau Reynella Cabernet Sauvignon, has a wonderful classy, minty, blackcurrant nose and taste that is easily worth the £5.49 Oddbins are asking. It is also available from Alex Findlater, 77 Abbey Road, London NW8, at £5.75 or £5.45 per bottle by the case.

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THE ARTS

Muscle strain

In plays such as *Up 'n' Under* and *Bouncers*, John Godber has shown a soft spot for muscular theatricality. The first episode of his new six-part comedy-drama serial, *The Ritz* (BBC2), was no exception, as once more biceps were flexed and pectorals bared, most notably by the Beefs, who were played by a former Mr South England and a Mr Britain of 1981, 1984 and 1985. These were two sidekicks of the infamous Mad Mick, who was himself played by a former England rugby international, Richard Ridings.

Unfortunately, Godber's distinguished comic talents also seemed a little muscle-bound in *The Ritz*, and found working out for a full 50 minutes a bit of a strain.

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There was the odd nice line — Question: "What path do you follow?" Answer: "Psychopath" — but they were rather too well spaced out. The intervening entertainment — such as the neon signman who turned "The Ritz" into "The Pitz", then "the Zitz", and the chef who could only make different varieties of hotdog — was often laboured.

The plot was markedly thinner than most of the actors and not particularly original. Eric (Richard James Lewis) sinks all his redundancy money into reopening a disco as a rival to that of Mad Mick, who then, with a little help from the Beefs, tries to get it closed down. Despite being kicked in the side by the sidekicks and abandoned by his own mirror-preening bouncers, Eric does open on the first night.

Of course, Godber is too skilled a writer not to get up to some tricks. The Ritz continually toys and teases with what distinguishes television drama from the theatre — the tyranny of the lens. All the characters repeatedly address the camera with words or gestures. Most are deferential. One of Eric's bouncers successfully appeals to it for customers. Mad Mick, though, ruins his image — literally — by nutting it.

Andrew Hislop

A tough who got going

Nick Rogers

For more than 40 years Kirk Douglas has been joyfully beating enemies and audiences into submission. Now 71, and with a new film, *Tough Guys*, recently released, he spoke to Chris Peachment about his heavyweight career



Jaw-breaker: the most dangerous stunt Kirk Douglas had to do for *Tough Guys* was "making love to a 26-year-old girl"

Whenever the name Kirk Douglas is mentioned, an early *New Yorker* cartoon comes swimming automatically into my mind. There he stands at the centre, unmistakeable with his cleft jaw, swinging a short gladiator's sword. Around him are half-a-dozen ragged slaves. Bearing down on them, in serried ranks which stretch to the horizon, is the entire Roman army.

High above them all is a film director's crane and camera. A figure in a Hawaiian shirt is shouting into a megaphone: "Okay, Kirk, sweetie. Take it from the line: 'Follow me slaves, they cannot stop men who want to be free.' " At least half the joke is that Kirk sweetie could not only make such a line sound believable, he would then hew a path through the centurions with outrageous relish.

He is a big man, from an era of big men. Just after the war, it was the hefty, battered men who were rising stars; John Wayne was already established, but Douglas rose alongside Robert Mitchum and Burt Lancaster, none of them noted for wearing an extra vest on cold days. Mitchum took impassivity as a trade mark; no one can make a series of controlled movements look more beautiful than Lancaster, the former trapeze artist. But it is Douglas's sheer exuberance which can dominate the screen, to the exclusion of all else.

He is currently to be seen in *Tough Guys*, a caper movie whose sole recognizable merit is that it pairs him with Burt Lancaster for the seventh time and gives them a run in the open air, after a 30-year spell in jail. They decide to rob the same train for which they were first imprisoned. As it thunders through the desert, Douglas can be seen running along the top of the carriages.

Surely this is overdoing it a little? "Hell, no, that was easy," he says. Douglas is 71 years old. "All you do is get some sneakers and paint them black and white so they look like the shoes you had in the previous scene," he continues. "Then you just run, and keep an eye on the rail at the side in case you slip. But it is always the most dangerous-looking stunts which are the easiest to do. The really hard ones often don't look like much on screen."

All right then, so what is the hardest thing he ever did? "Maybe the hardest stunt in *Tough Guys* is making love to a 26-year-old girl. My wife is threatening to have me jailed for child molestation."

He could play that role too, for his acting career is a testament to his obvious discovery that virtue does not photograph well. The first role which put him in the public eye was Midge Kelly, the cheap boxer in *Champion*, who is not above laying into his crippled brother. Opposite Mitchum in *Out of the Past*, he was the laughing gangster with an unshakeable hold over Jane Greer. As the desperate reporter Chuck Tatum in Billy Wilder's *Ace in the Hole*, he prolonged a man's entrapment down a pot-hole in order to get his scoop, and eneds up with a pair of scissors in his stomach. "Bad, weak or complicated guys, those are the ones that interest me."

There is no end to his desire for punishment. He lost his ear in *Lust for Life*, his finger in Hawks's *The Big Sky*, and an eye in *The Vikings*. Jean Simmons tells the story of how in *Spartacus*, it took all morning to get him crucified properly. Then the *lunch break* was called, so the crew wandered off and left him up on his cross. "He took it very well, considering he could have had us all fired," Simmons says. Took it very well? He probably relished every moment of it, if the film as a whole is anything to go by.

To be fair, however, these mutilations do not seem like the conscious masochism of so many later method actors, more like the inevitable price to be paid for an active life.

Anthony Mann had started shooting *Spartacus*, but after two weeks was fired by the studio. It was Douglas's project as producer, and so he brought in Stanley Kubrick, with whom he had already worked on *Paths of Glory*. "Stanley was in his late twenties, but he looked about 18. I brought him into the arena one day, and there are the likes of Olivier and Jean Simmons up in the emperor's box and they look down and see this kid walk in, the new director. I'm surprised they didn't all give a thumbs down."

The main problem, however, was that the script was by Dalton Trumbo. A victim of the anti-Communist witch-hunts of the 1940s, Trumbo had been jailed for a year, and was still black-listed by Hollywood. He had not set foot in a studio for 10 years, in spite of writing scripts under the name of Sam Jackson. They were wondering what to call him — Kubrick even suggesting his own name on the credits — but Douglas finally opted for crediting Trumbo under his proper name. It was a decent gesture. "There were mutterings, but the sky didn't fall in."

Nowadays, the Douglas dynasty continues in the shape of four sons. Michael Douglas is the successful prodncer of the Oscar-winning *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and starred in *Romancing the Stone*. The other three are all working in show business. Apparently they all do very good impersonations of Kirk. "They once did it in unison for me. I was knocked over."

One might guess that 20 years earlier, Douglas might have laughed outrageously, given them a sound thrashing for their impertinence, and then stabbed himself in remorse. And all with one hand tied behind him.

Gambling on a thoroughbred

Richard Morrison discusses the LSO's wooing of Michael Tilson Thomas

This week's news that the London Symphony Orchestra is currently negotiating for Michael Tilson Thomas to succeed Claudio Abbado as its principal conductor, may reinforce the opinion of those who believe that top conducting jobs are decided as much by business calculation as by musical consideration.

The appointment of the 42-year-old Californian is by no means a surprise: Tilson Thomas's association with the LSO is already extensive. He took the orchestra on its Shell UK tour last November, he directs the Barbican's Gershwin Festival in the summer, and is already booked to conduct such exotic events as an LSO/Steve Reich festival in 1988.

Moreover, this highly articulate polymath has the sort of "renaissance man" reputation that could enhance the Barbican's burgeoning plans for multi-disciplined festivals. The son of celebrated Yiddish actors who made good in Hollywood, trained as a chemist, known in America as a sparky and good-looking television popularizer of classical music, he could just have the right charismatic personality to avoid damaging comparisons with Abbado. And in much late-Romantic and 20th century repertoire, at least, he produces brilliant sounds, while his "rethought" Beethoven has its admirers.

Nevertheless, cynics may feel that Tilson Thomas's prime asset is his exclusive, and hitherto prolific, recording association with CBS. The orchestra will also be hoping to benefit from Tilson Thomas's high profile in the United States — and they have already had encouraging signs. Two 90-minute BBC TV programmes about Gershwin, featuring the LSO and Tilson Thomas, have been sold to 270 public broadcasting stations in America, where the orchestra will tour later this year.

In fact, the choice of conductors with the right sort of musicianship, ideas and connections was exceedingly limited. From the LSO's current roster the quixotic Rohzdestvensky and the unfrilly Sir Colin Davis must have been considered, perhaps even approached. Tilson Thomas is, by their standards, relatively inexperienced, though his "wilderness years" of directing the Buffalo Philharmonic turned him into a meticulous orchestral trainer.



Meticulous: Tilson Thomas

But London orchestras have gambled similarly in the past. Previn was a comparative novice in the classical field when he came to the LSO in 1969; Muti hardly known in London when he succeeded Klemperer at the New Philharmonia.

CONCERT

Annie Fischer
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Until Annie Fischer's ferocious assault on the *Introduzione* to Schumann's Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 11 — which she played as though imprinting every note in granite — this recital had been a tired and smudgy affair. The veteran Hungarian pianist had seemed out of touch and a little stiff-jointed.

But Schumann released vintage fires. After that barnstorming beginning came a classic application of the Fischer *rubato*: a wild, impulsive way of sweeping phrases into a frenetic torrent of notes.

Conventional notions of metre were jettisoned; passages started to splinter under the pressure; but the sheer passion of the interpretation instilled its own line and logic.

One feels that if the 13-year-old Clara Wieck had not played the sonata like this, Schumann would have married someone else.

Fischer found contrasting dignity, though hardly peace, in the *Aria* movement, giving full breadth to its oddly lugubrious baritone-register melodies.

The scherzo inspired her most crisply rhythmic playing of the evening; she plunged into it with tremendous zest and revelled in the rhetoric of the left-hand "recitatives". And, although she hardly skipped like a lamb through the more skittish themes of the *Finale*, her driving momentum created its own exultation.

She had opened with an over-pedalled, stridently-toned account of Mozart's A minor Sonata, K310. It is difficult to imagine that Fischer was once considered a pioneer of "authentic" Mozart playing; this interpretation seemed to come straight from some distant age of unenlightenment.

Schubert's B flat major Sonata, D960, with its epic modulation scheme and spacious themes, suited her dramatic instincts far better, though again her technique seemed to falter at times.

But at least this expansive work allows many bites at every cherry.

R.M.

ROCK

The Startled Insects
ICA

The Startled Insects, from Bristol, know a thing or two about creating modern instrumental music. They have provided the soundtrack to a prize-winning television wildlife documentary, and are soon to release an album of unusually stirring themes entitled *The Curse of the Pheromones*.

Three curiously masked musicians appeared on stage, which was dotted with little outposts of high-tech instrumental machinery: a cluster of electronic drums here, a VDU there, keyboards and whirring tape-recorders at the back. Behind and to the sides were cinema screens which relayed the film-making work of the other, unseen, members of what is a collaborative multi-media group.

The three players changed instruments with bewildering frequency, but for the most part the music was led by richly-voiced sythesizer parts underpinned by deep jazzy funk bass-lines and an interweaving clatter of percussion. For every arch, left-field flourish there was a compensating down-the-line beat, for each twiddly soft section a thrilling, thundering crescendo, the whole a kind of populist systems music that you could dance to. But nobody did.

For one thing, too many of the musical components were on tape. No matter how much the trio threw themselves about in an energetic pastiche of The Residents' stage movements, the consistent quality of so much pre-recorded sound deadened the performances.

The film projections could have helped — and, indeed, they sometimes did. There was a neat section with a toy snake and a vacuum-cleaner hose during "Creatures", and elsewhere some fiendish jiggery-pokery with eyes, human and otherwise. For the rest it was a steam train racing down the track, cars driving on roads, collages of American hoardings, tall buildings, fields of flowers, soldiers and film stars: just about every cliché imaginable.

It makes better sense to listen to their excellent record in front of a silent television screen.

David Sinclair

One-man show begging a duet

THEATRE

Yr Obedient Servant
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

The play Kay Eldredge has written about Dr Johnson begins with a strikingly original coup. The stage is set with three tables, some distance apart, paper and quills on the first, a slice of pie on the middle one and some sort of wooden box on the third. The audience waits for the lights to dim, idly wondering from which side of the panel engraved with a view of Georgian London Robbie Coltrane will emerge.

The lights do not go down. Coltrane does not stride on as Samuel Johnson but as Robbie Coltrane, stomping over to the end table where he picks up a local paper, reads about muggers and proceeds to take make-up from the box.

While drawing lines, rashes and eyebrows on to his face he comments on the 18th century, its violence and brutality: and with make-up and intro done to his satisfaction he puts on his wig, stubs out his cigarette and exits, re-appearing a second later (to the left of the panel), head cocked sideways and jaw thrust out, visibly the Great Chan.



Great Chan: Robbie Coltrane

Johnson is so mighty a continent of humanity that several different plays could be brought out of him. Eldredge seems content to take the straight biographical course, calling at familiar places — women preachers, the road from Scotland, meeting Boswell, losing Mrs Thrale — and while this trawl also brings in some unfamiliar quotes (such as the best way to serve cucumber: dress with pepper and vinegar and throw away) it does all go on in much the same way.

Coltrane's voice articulates the wit with relish, not lingering over the taste of the words but snuffling them as he speaks. There is something almost like Margaret Rutherford in that ruminative chin.

But though a one-man show can give us almost a full flavour of a solitary man, Johnson's enormous conviviality is lost without a second voice. Coltrane is obliged to cue in his own repartee and shake invisible hands. Encountering Johnson's good sense is always rewarding, but you long for another character to hoick it out of him.

Jeremy Kingston

An exercise in realism suitably thrown away

OPERA

The Stone Guest
Coliseum

The English National Opera's series of throwaway productions of rare operas came to an end last year with the Rossini *Moses*, but perhaps the principle survives in this new staging of Dargomizhsky's *The Stone Guest*, which has been put on cheaply, with some sets from the company's *Don Giovanni*, and which is unlikely to need to stay around for very long.

This is, indeed, an ideal work for disposable treatment: a piece mentioned in all the history books as an experiment in realism, but one with — again the authorities agree — few other claims. It might even be described as a disposable work, necessary to alert Mussorgsky to certain possibilities for *Boris Godunov*, but afterwards redundant.

The feebleness of the opera is in complete contrast with the excitement Dargomizhsky seems to have felt while composing it, in 1868-69, at the very end of a creatively unsettled and, perhaps, unsatisfying life.

What now compelled him was the notion that he was serving "truth"; hence the studious avoidance of any melodic, orchestral or other musical interest that would get in the way of verbal expression through a flexible kind of recitative.

But, of course, the result is as simple-minded as the philosophy, and it is easy to share Tchaikovsky's irritation with what he described as an attempt to introduce "truth" into a realm of art where everything was based on "pseudo". One might want to put the case rather differently, though, and say that Dargomizhsky's huge effort to reach a truth outside his opera left him with little energy or imagination to find the truth that might have existed within it.

Quite what that truth might have been it is difficult to say without some knowledge of his earlier, less doctrinaire operas, which include a *Russalka* that is still in the Russian repertory, and a version of Victor Hugo's *Notre-Dame de Paris*.

But the comparison with Mussorgsky must suggest that *The Stone Guest* could have been a lot better even with its self-imposed limitations: only Leporello emerges as anything like a character from the nature of the recitative Dargomizhsky gives him, and the accompaniment figures are so bland that one longs for the next bolt of lightning in Rimsky-Korsakov's orchestration.

Donald Cooper



Dying the death: Graham Clark (with sword) and Neil Howlett

Keith Warner's production adds a few livid touches of its own. An open coffin springs up from the ground; the guests at a soirée are a collection of geriatric fops; and when the stone guest duly arrives, he is a cross between a monument and a bloody cadaver.

These things, together with the black-and-white costuming and the lunar illumination by Nick Chelton, give the production the atmosphere of a ghost story or of an expressionist film, and hardly help Dargomizhsky towards achieving his realist intentions.

It must be said, though, that the opera desperately needs some visual interest, and that it falls headlong into melodrama each time some heightened expression is required. This is another problem with Dargomizhsky's search for truth — that he has no means to deal with the fantastic, and it is slightly puzzling that he should have chosen this subject for his experiment.

Being generally so featureless, the music must be as hard to learn as it is to project, and everyone in the cast deserves commendation for making it seem so easy and spontaneous. Graham Clark's zest and ardour are well on show in the part of Don Juan, who is on stage practically throughout, but even he cannot bring much incisiveness to the role. Sally Burgess offers a memento of her Carmen as Laura: Kathryn Harries is an appropriately fraught Donna Anna: and there are strong performances from John Connell as Leporello and Neil Howlett as Don Carlos.

The unrewarding score is conducted by Paul Daniel, and with the prelude — which is not by Dargomizhsky — cut and the three acts played continuously, it is all over in 85 minutes, which is quite enough.

Paul Griffiths

Stiff stalemate

DANCE

Triple bill
Covent Garden

Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet has arranged the second of the two programmes for its short Covent Garden season around *Checkmate*, which will be 50 years old in June. A ballet does not last so long without being soundly made, of good materials.

But that does not necessarily mean its constituent parts are individually outstanding. Arthur Bliss wrote a better score later for a less-good ballet, *Miracle in the Gorbals*, and he cheated a bit in devising the plot since the absence of a Black King for the Red side to attack does weight the odds somewhat against them.

E. McKnight Kausser's costumes are clever and effective, but his abstract backcloths are less striking than the famous posters he made for London Transport. Ninette de Valois's choreography gives good scope to the principals, but she has to include a lot of padding to tell every laborious detail of the chess game in which Death defeats Love.

It is the way these individual parts are matched that makes them endure, and the ballet needs exceptional performances before it really comes to life, and in a style not found among today's British dancers.

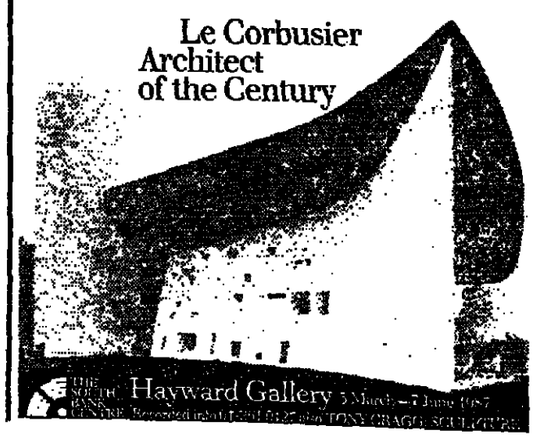
The Red King comes off best, with David Bintley good and Michael O'Hare presentable, but the four knights need to be tougher, more heroic and more solid too, like chessmen. Chenca Williams, Thursday night's Black Queen, is not bad, but one misses the cool glamour and supple, sword-like strength of remembered great interpreters, past and comparatively recent.

Solitaire limply opened the programme: Desmond Heeley's designs, never very relevant, have worn badly and MacMillan's choreography has seen better days, although probably the right young cast could still rescue it.

Paquita, which ened the evening, brought some brilliantly strong dancing from Merrill Ashley in the ballerina role, especially in virtuoso series of turns, and a splendidly flashy account of the male role by Petter Jacobsson. But Miyako Yoshida in her allegro solo was the best thing in this, as was Sandra Madgwick in *Solitaire*. Both of them dance with an infectious joy.

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REVIEW

Rich plums of a passion flower

PAPERBACKS

The New Review Anthology, edited by Ian Hamilton (Paladin, £4.95)

In this country, the "little magazine" flourishes like the short-lived passion flower, starved at the roots by poor circulation and meagre funding. Ian Hamilton's *Review*, born in 1962, and re-baptized *The New Review* in 1974, had more staying power than most literary magazines, and a good deal more influence. It ran for 50 issues until forced to fold in 1979. "So *The Review* is ten years old," wrote John Fuller, in a prescient verse epistle to the magazine's editor:

Five times as many
thousands sold
And all you've touched has
turned to gold!
At least in theory:
There's still the printer's bill,
I'm told.
How very dreary.

This anthology plucks some of the choicest plums from those 50 issues, indeed, from the writing of the 1970s. It includes short stories by William Trevor, Jean Rhys, and Francis Wyndham, and poems by Robert Lowell, Douglas Dunn, Jon Fuller, and Andrew Motion. This last has a very moving poem, later included in his collection *The Pleasure Streamers*, about visiting his mother who lay comatose in a hospital room for the last years of her life:

I'll always arrive like this,
having no death to mourn,
but rather the life we share
nowhere beyond your room.

Motion's poem, movingly confessional and yet compos-edly oblique, characterizes much of the writing in this volume, especially two autobiographical excursions by Beryl Bainbridge and Jonathan Raban. Bainbridge, for instance, writes a prose of equal composure: "Continually I try to write it down, this sense of family life. For it seems to me that the funny noises we make with our mouths, or the squiggles that we have put on paper, are only for ourselves to hear, to prove there's someone there."

The journalism in this volume is some of the most delightful writing in the anthology, making one long for a magazine to plug the gap, as this one did, between the ritzy reportage of the posh Sunday papers, and the rather forced *gravitas of Granta*.

It is not, as it calls itself, a "bedside volume", but a rich compendium of contemporary writing, and it deserves appropriate acknowledgement.

James Wood

No place like Salem

The Disinherited by Matt Cohen (Penguin, £3.95)

Garrison Keillor's homespun yarn of law-abiding folk to whom home will always be "sweet home" is kid's stuff compared to Matt Cohen's Salem novels which consider "home" on an epic scale. People come home to Salem — and things suddenly come home to them. The saga is built around family conflicts, warring past and present, angers and loves. The characters strive to come of age in a world of violence and intrigue — very different from Wobegone's neighbourly squabbles over backyard fences.

In *The Disinherited* Richard Thomas lies dying: fragments of his life flash before him. The struggles, plots, and fornications of four generations are thrown into perspective, for him and us. "A man has to know his destiny," he tells his son, Erik replies: "No one has destinies any more. They live in apartments and breed goldfish." Erik's destiny is still "undelivered mail". He awaits revitalization, a new beginning. His father dies to leave him that inheritance.

Another book in the series, *The Sweet Second Summer of Kitty Malone* (Penguin £3.95), also ends with a beginning. Kitty returns to Salem to blossom anew with Pat Frank after years of love, hate, and ignorance. *The Colours of War* (Penguin, £3.95) is set in the future world of neon, plastic, and Civil War between Canada and United States. Theodore Beam travelling back to his roots becomes involved with Lise and the revolution. Back in Salem he identifies reality from fantasy.

The Salem saga divides young and old, city and country, clinical and earthy. Written with steely humour, little sympathy can be drawn from Cohen's characters, although his descriptions of pain and illness strike incisively.

Sarah Edworthy

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

FICTION

Man Plus, by Frederik Pohl (Gollancz, £3.50) Classic SF

Red Ribbon on a White Horse, by Anzia Yezierska (Virago, £3.95) Faction autobiography, from ghetto to Hollywood

Texas, by James A. Michener (Corgi, £4.95) Lone Star *hokum about the state of ripped chaps and chips on shoulder*

The Matriarch, by G.B. Stern (Virago, £3.95) Jewish fam-sag

The Salamander and the Fire, by Dan Davin (Oxford, £5.95) War stories of the New Zealand Division in Middle East

NON-FICTION

Bernard Shaw, by Hesketh Pearson (Unwin Hyman, £8.95)

Constantine, by Ramsay MacMullen (Croom Helm, £9.95) First British publication of life of the Emperor who made *Rome Christian and shifted its capital east*

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The Ballad and the Plough, by David Kerr Cameron (*Gollancz*, £4.95) *Folk history of* 19thc. Scottish farmtouns

The Land is Ours, by Marion Shoard (Grafton, £5.95) Topical and controversial original on struggle for Britain's countryside

Bowie blows the myth

ROCK RECORDS

David Bowie: Never Let Me Down (EMI America AMLS 3117)

Marc Almond with The Willing Sinners: Mother Fist and her Five Daughters (Virgin FAITH 2)

Culture Club: This Time (Virgin VTV 1)

Mel & Kim: FLM (Supreme SU 2)

It has taken a while to happen, but the David Bowie backlash is finally in full swing. As history is thoughtlessly rewritten, we discover among other *revelations, that Bowie* "died" at Live Aid and that his much lauded chameleon-like changes over the years amounted to nothing more than a shameless propensity to rip off the prevailing musical trends. As one writer recently observed, Stalin would have loved the music press.

The onslaught has been provoked by *Never Let Me* Down, an album that is not nearly as bad as so many hysterical critiques have suggested, but which does indicate the need for a lowering of expectations where a performer of such mythical status is concerned.

The plain fact is that David Bowie has grown up. He still writes a keen melody, as "Time Will Crawl" demonstrates, but on "Too Dizzy" the old "Wham bam, thank you ma'am" *morality has been* replaced by the more conventional theme of "You can't have a lover/It's me and no other". Similarly, the stylised hedonism of his heyday has given way on "Day-in-Day-out" to a message of mild social concern.

This process of development, which began as long ago as *1983's Let's Dance*, has manifested itself in a tendency to opt for the musical vocabulary of standard FM danceband rock. None of the rhythm tracks on Never Let Me Down would sound out of place on a ZZ Top album, and Erdal Kizilcay, the new drummer, cracks into the backbeat of "New York's in Love" and *the infectious title track with* unremitting zeal.

With Peter Frampton and others adding squealing guitar parts to "'87 and Cry" and "Beat of your Drum", the pieces of a familiar jigsaw fall *into place and Bowie, stripped* of his mystique, stands accused of nothing worse than producing a solid, if rather dated sounding rock album.

These days however, if you are looking for bold gestures and a camp theatrical flourish, then Marc Almond is your man. The title track of Mother Fist and her Five Daughters is an indelicate ode to masturbation, and with Martin McCarrick's cello and accordion to the fore, the album conjures visions of Almond as the striped-shirted gigolo tipping a *wink to the sailors* outside a sleazy bordello in pre-war France.

"And if I die before I wake up, *I pray the Lord don't* smudge my make-up," he sings in fine voice, and with some wit in the steamy, morbid fantasy of "Saint Judy".

For all his provocative whimsy, Almond does at least *open a window on an* underground vision of modern romance, and throws off the shackles of the 4/4 beat while he's about it. "Melancholy Rose" and "Ruby Red" boast excellent choruses, while "Champ", the story of an old, rejected boxer, is a compassionate insight into the human condition that belies some of the album's more recondite fripperies.

For all his battles, Boy George is still a man who knows *better than most how to* "sell a contradiction", but it is unlikely that Culture Club will be around to sell much else in the foreseeable future. With perfect timing, Virgin release This Time, a comprehensive *greatest hits collection which* features all the group's best songs and a few others besides.



The legend comes of age: the real David Bowie, minus the make-up, poses for his new album

At their peak, with melodies like "Karma Chameleon", "Do you Really Want to Hurt Me" and "Victims", they embodied the essence of a good pop package: light, manageable material with an abundance of bouncy hooks, and a frisson of controversy in their image to ensure coverage in *the popular press. They did a* tidy job and, naturally enough, turned out ot be entirely disposable.

Mel & Kim are two strikingly attractive sisters from Hackney who show every sign of being the next pop sensation to command prime attention for six months or so. They reached No 3 and No 1 with their first two singles, "Showing Out" and "Respectable", both of which are included on their album FLM. The initials stand for Fun, Love and Money, something of a counter-revolutionary banner that now says more about the times than do any eye-catching gender ambiguities.

Their music is a depressingly flimsy concoction of drum machine-generated *Eurobeats, synth* bass lines and fizzy singalong chants, but if a giggle at the weekend is really what it is now all about, these are your girls.

David Sinclair

Dynamic duo from the odd couple

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Schubert: Lieder. Hendricks/Lupu. EMI CD 7475492.



Delightful: Barbara Hendricks

Barbara Hendricks and Radu Lupu are not, perhaps, the first names to spring to mind for a *Schubertiade. I usually* prefer to hear the smiling girlish soprano of Hendricks, with its distinctive dusky bloom, in the French repertoire: and Lupu's absorbed introspective piano-playing is primarily that of a soloist.

When they get together they behave like musical innocents. The result is both *delightful in its un-hidebound* approaches and maddening in its idiosyncracy. Few partnerships achieve such a confident stillness of dynamic level for Schubert's night songs, like "Nacht und Traüme" and for "Du Bist die Ruh". Hendricks has a particularly haunting way, too, with *Mignon's song* and "The King of Thule" as it circles higher and higher in the voice.

Few, on the other hand, would take quite so long to catch the "Trout" or play such a laid-back serenade "To Sylvia". Lupu's accompaniment here makes the song sound even slightly tongue-in-cheek, *which I'm sure was not* quite the idea. A recording for anyone willing to open their ears and take a risk.

Hilary Finch

New blues generation learns the old lingo

BLUES RECORDS

The New Bluebloods (Sonet SNTF 984)

Hank Ballard Live at the Palais (Charly CDX 16, 2 discs)

One swallow does not make a spring. Aristotle wrote in *Nichomachaean Ethics*: or, as the philosopher-poets of the blues would render it, one monkey don't stop no show. And as the young blues revivalist Robert Cray's *Strong Persuader* lodges itself firmly in the US Top 20, here come another 10 artists to prove that a new generation of black American musicians is finding the blues to be a language worth learning.

Subtitled "The Next *Generation of Chicago Blues*", The New Bluebloods, is a compilation drawn from the artists to be found in the bars of the Windy City, the headquarters of the blues since Muddy Waters and his fellows came up the river from the Mississippi Delta in the Thirties and Forties.

Tradition echoes down the years: *L'il Ed Williams*, whose stinging bottleneck guitar fronts the four-man Blues Imperials on a song called "Young Thing", turns out to be the nephew of the well known guitarist J. B. Hutto; another young guitarist, Michael Coleman, who sings a rousing version of "Woman Loves a Woman", is the son of a former drummer with the band of Junior Parker.

The majority of the 10 artists represented here, though, require no credentials other than the here-and-now. Their music may stick close to traditional forms and themes, but it kicks with life and shows every sign of being created in the real world of the present day, sounding neither gimmicky nor anachronistic.

We go from Valerie Wellington, who delivers Ray Charles's classic "A Fool for You" in the spirit of Bessie Smith, by way of Professor Eddie Lusk's bawdy "Meet Me With Your Black Drawers On" to the commanding upbeat snap of "Corner of the Blanket" by Donald Kinsey, whose career has embraced stints with Albert King and Bob Marley.

Outstanding individual performances come from the voice and guitar of Dion Payton on the sophisticated soul-styled "All Your Affection is Gone", from the mouth-harpist Billy Branch, whose superbly fluent playing graces "The Only Thing that Saved Me", and from the guitarist Melvin Taylor, whose solo on "Depression Blues" must have left scorch-marks on his fretboard.

Hank Ballard's Live at the Palais is a fine treat for those present at the veteran rock 'n' roller's long-overdue British debut last December. A double album preserving practically the entire Hammersmith Palais performance, it includes, alongside Ballard's hits, such as "Work With Me, Annie" and "The Twist", a surprising version of Elmore James's "The Sky is Crying" with which he pays eloquent tribute to his blues roots. It would have stayed in this listener's mind even without the benefit of an attractive package that adds up to more than a mere souvenir.

Richard Williams

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

It's simply not cricket

The Museums Association has opened another innings against the Marylebone Cricket Club in an unseemly row over the recent auction of items from the club's reserve collection of cricketing memorabilia.

The association was furious when the sale went ahead despite its protests that the objects should have been offered first to other museums. Its president, Ian Robertson, says it was "like a giant car-boot sale".

Now the area museums service, a subsidiary body of the Museums Association, is demanding that the MCC returns more than £8,000 in grants it received between 1980-84. Meanwhile the association is trying to find out if any of the items sold had been acquired with grant aid from charitable foundations. If so, it will alert the donors with a view to their getting the cash paid for the treasured souvenirs.

● **Equity solidarity knows no bounds. Its AGM has called for permanent sites for circus performers, to enable them to train during the winter. It also demanded a clamp-down on amateur pub and club talent competitions which keep local professionals out of work.**

Soldiering on



Kinnock and Madoc

The Welsh Proms in Cardiff in July will present an intriguing line-up of new musical talent. Neil Kinnock, comic actress Ruth Madoc, and snooker player Doug Mountjoy are to make their orchestral debuts in Leopold Mozart's *Toy Symphony*. Who will play which instrument has not yet been decided. *Keith Chegwin is the* narrator with the Hallé Orchestra. The programme includes Poulenc's *Barbar the Elephant* and *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* by Dukas.

Canvas home

The reclusive artist L.S. Lowry is to be given a permanent home, by courtesy of Manchester City Art Gallery. For the centenary of his birth next year, the gallery has reconstructed the artist's sitting room and studio as they were at his house in Mottram in Longdendale, where he lived from 1948 until his death in 1976. The display features much of his furniture and effects, including a piano, several works by the pre-Raphaelites — for whom he had a life-long passion — and his own painting of yachts at Lytham which hung in his sitting room.

Gavin Bell

CHESS

A gentle giant

Frank Marshall (1877-1944) was one of the five original Grandmasters nominated at St Petersburg in 1914 by Tsar Nicholas II. His co-titlists were: Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine and Tarrasch.

Marshall was a brilliant and effective tournament player. At Cambridge Springs in 1904 he won with 13/15, two points clear of an illustrious field which included Lasker, Janowski, Schlechter, Tchigorin and Pillsbury. But in match play Marshall could not face the best, and he openly confessed that he found prolonged face-to-face encounters tedious. In his autobiography he wrote: "Everyone knows that I have always done better in tournaments than in match play, and no wonder. I've always had a passion for new faces, new places, novelties in opening play, slashing attack and counter-attack. The grim business of wearing down your opponent has never appealed to me very much."

But this grim business is what is required to become world champion. Marshall's hatred of it was reflected in very poor match results against his fellow Grandmasters: one win, eight losses and eight draws against Tarrasch in Nuremberg 1905; one win, 14 draws and eight losses to Capablanca, New York 1909, and the most horrible slaughter of all, eight losses, seven draws and no wins at all in his world championship match with Lasker in New York 1907.

Since Marshall won no games in his world title contest, I have selected his solitary victory against Capablanca to exemplify his buoyant style.

White: Frank Marshall; Black: José Capablanca.

Queen's Gambit Declined. New York 1909.

1	d4	d5	2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Nf6	4	Bg5	Be7
5	e3	Ne4	6	Bxe7	Qxe7
7	Bd3	Nxc3	8	bxc3	Nd7?

8 ... dxc4 9 Bxc4 b6 was recommended by Marshall. Capablanca's *plan is somewhat* passive.

9	Nf3	0-0	10	cxd5	exd5
11	Qb3	Nf6	12	a4	c5
13	Qa3	b6	14	a5	Bb7
15	0-0	Qc7	16	Rfb1	Nd7

Under severe pressure, Black dithers. The best defence is 16 ... Rfb8!

17	Bf5!	Rfe8	18	Bxd7	Qxd7
19	a6	Bc6	20	dxc5	bxc5
21	Qxe5	Rabb8	22	Rxb8	Rxb8
23	Ne5	Qf5			

Briefly threatening mate.

24 f4 Rb6 25 Qxb6!

Black resigns. 25 ... axb6 26 Nxc6 followed by a7 wins easily.

Marshall's 25th move avoided Capablanca's last-ditch trap, namely 25 Nxc6? Rb1+ 26 Rxb1 Qxb1+ 27 Kf2 Qc2+ 28 Kg3 Qg6+ drawing by perpetual check.

For results in the Brussels SWIFT super-tournament with Gary Kasparov, Anatoly Karpov, Nigel Short and Viktor Korchnoi, follow the daily reports in *The Times* news pages.

Raymond Keene

BRIDGE

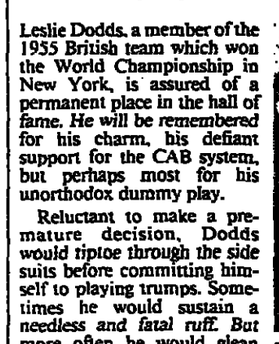
That winning formula

Leslie Dodds, a member of the 1955 British team which won the World Championship in New York, is assured of a permanent place in the hall of fame. He will be remembered for his charm, his defiant support for the CAB system, but perhaps most for his unorthodox dummy play.

Reluctant to make a premature decision, Dodds would tiptoe through the side suits before committing himself to playing trumps. Sometimes he would sustain a needless and fatal ruff. But more often he would glean some vital clues, enabling him to bring off another typical Dodds brilliancy.

This hand, described by the Hungarian writer Gabor Salgo, is reminiscent of Dodds's style. It was played by Gabor Macskásy who, because he has reached the grand old age of 25, is no longer eligible for the Junior European Championship. I doubt if he will be absent from the international scene for long.

Pairs. North-South game. Dealer East.



W	N	E	S
–	–	2♡(1)	2♠
3♡	4♡	No	4♠T
No	5♡	No	6♠
No	No	No	–

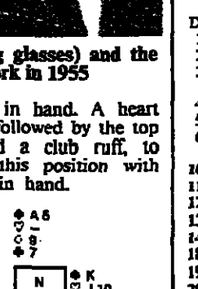
(1) The weak two bid. Purists would require an extra heart.

Opening lead ♡7

Despite the defensive barrage erected by East-West, North-South reach their best contract. Declarer's problem is to ruff *two hearts in* dummy while restricting his trump losers to one. There is no hope if the trumps are 4-0, and no problem if they are 2-2. But suppose they are 3-1. Against a singleton honour, the winning play is to cash the ♠A and use dummy's trumps to ruff the hearts.

Obviously if West has ♠KQx that line would be fatal. Instead, declarer must run the ♠J and then cash the ♠A. *How can declarer divine* the distribution of the trumps at trick two?

Macskásy gave an elegant display of the Dodds method. He won the ♡A and ruffed a heart. He cashed two rounds of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in hand. A heart ruff was followed by the top clubs and a club ruff, to produce this position with the lead in hand.



On the lead of the heart King, West can only choose his poison. If he ruffs, declarer can overruff and cash the ♠A. If he discards the ♢Q, declarer throws dummy's ♠7. Now the ♠J is allowed to run to East's ♠K and whether East returns a heart or a club, West's ♠Q is fatally smothered.

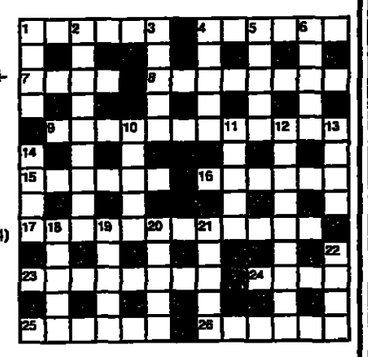
Jeremy Flint



The champions: Leslie Dodds (wearing glasses) and the British team pictured in New York in 1955

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1241

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, April 30. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, May 2.



ACROSS
1 Gain (6)
4 Straight (6)
7 Needle-leaved conifer (4)
8 Religious composition (8)
9 Performed hair oil (12)
15 Unearth (6)
16 Swaddle (6)
17 Leningrad (2,10)
23 Move in waves (8)
24 Reduce herd size (4)
25 Wall strip (6)
26 Meagre (6)

DOWN
1 Long tube (4)
2 Legal possession (9)
3 Scandinavian ogre (5)
4 Play (5)
5 Fowl's perch (5)
6 Rough-haired terrier (5)
10 *Boundary (5)*
11 Indian prince (5)
12 Break continuity (9)
13 Paradise (4)
14 *Muddle (4)*
18 Drift of thought (5)
19 Give off (5)
20 Obliterate (5)
21 Chimney cleaner (5)
22 Bricks material (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1240

ACROSS: 1 Ritual 4 Wigwam 7 Sham 8 Mafeking 9 Tallboy 11 Tally 12 Owen Glendower 15 Argue 16 Boycott 20 Big Smoke 21 Mule 22 Modest 23 Effect

DOWN: 1 Risotto 2 Trail 3 Limbo 4 Waft 5 Whitlow 6 Muggy 10 Bogie 11 Toddy 13 Engaged 14 Retreat 15 Album 17 Obese 18 Ovule 19 Font

The winners of prize concise No 1235 are: Mrs E.Davies, Denaby Lane, Old Denaby, Doncaster, South Yorkshire; and Mr P.G.Aylott, Onslow Road, Luton, Bedfordshire.

SOLUTION TO NO 1235 (last Saturday's prize concise)

ACROSS: 1 Pastel 4 Medina 7 Ruin 8 Survival 9 Prepare 11 Vichy 12 Table Mountain 15 Bigot 16 Fleming 20 Trimaran 21 Apse 22 Needle 23 Hamlet

DOWN: 1 Parapet 2 Spire 3 Loser 4 Mire 5 Invicta 6 Alloy 10 Agent 11 Venue 13 Beguine 14 Neglect 15 Baton 17 Lynch 18 Impel 19 Free

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THE WEEK AHEAD



BOOKS

WOMEN'S WAYS: Margaret Drabble, in her first novel for seven years *The Radiant Way*, reveals the lives of three women who have been friends since their first Cambridge interview. Liz is a successful psychotherapist; Alix is married to a Northern writer and engaged in social work; Esther is an art historian, carefully guarding her eccentricity. We meet them at a New Year's Eve party in 1979, and discover with them what the Eighties have in store. Published on Thursday by Weidenfeld and Nicolson (£10.95).



ROCK

SIMON SINGS: Simon Le Bon leads the streamlined three-piece Duran Duran (with eight backing musicians) on their first United Kingdom tour since 1984. The group from Birmingham became renowned, in the early 1980s, for their extravagant videos, before dividing to pursue the separate Arcadia and Power Station projects. Tonight, Queen's Hall, Leeds (0532 431961); tomorrow, Liverpool Empire (051 709 1555); Mon, Manchester Apollo, (061 273 3775); Tuesday and Wednesday, Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590).



DANCE

EARTHWORK: Rosemary Butcher presents her latest work, *Touch The Earth*. Characteristically it is a collaboration with a visual artist, Dieter Pietsch, and a composer, Michael Nyman, and is given in an art gallery instead of a theatre. Her pioneering work in introducing ordinary gestures arranged in time and space has influenced a whole generation of young dancers, and she remains outstanding for her quiet perfectionism. Whitechapel Art Gallery, London E1 (01-377 0107), on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



THEATRE

WISE GUY: Ernie Wise makes his first appearance in a West End musical, playing the chairman of a music hall troupe which enacts Dickens's murder story in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. Co-stars are Lulu and Julia Hills. With book, music and lyrics by Rupert Holmes, the show has had a successful run on Broadway and picked up 19 awards. Since Dickens left the novel unfinished, the ending is decided at each performance by a vote of the audience. Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888), previews from today.



TELEVISION

ROYAL SNAPS: Queen Victoria captured by the camera in September 1885 with her granddaughter Princess Margaret of Connaught. *A Royal Family Album* tells the story of Victoria's reign through photographs from the royal collection. The programme is presented by Michael Hordern and includes a contribution from Prince Andrew, who compares the wedding photographs of his great grandfather, later George V, with those taken at his own marriage last year. BBC1, Wednesday, 8-8.50pm.



CONCERTS

QUEEN VICTORIA: Victoria de Los Angeles sang her first stage Carmen in 1979 when she was 56, so it is little wonder that, as a recitalist at least, she is still going strong. The great operatic parts may now be behind her but she has just returned from a tour of Japan and Australia to give London a recital of songs by Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms and Fauré. Her programme, which she will repeat at Buxton's Hispanic festival in July, also promises nine Catalan Songs. Wigmore Hall, London W1 (01-935 2141), Thursday.

THEATRE

OPENINGS

BLACK FLOWERS: English premiere of Swedish play, by Robert Jakobsson and his Teater Albatross. The mad romanticism of Nazism contrasts with the tragic blindness of its Jewish victims. Soho Poly, 16 Riding House Street, London W1 (01-636 9050). Preview Wed. Opens Thurs.

RICHARD II: Jeremy Irons, with Michael Kitchen as Bolingbroke, Brewster Mason as John of Gaunt, in a notable RSC Stratford production. Barbican (01-638 8891). Previews Thurs, Fri, May 2, 4. Opens May 5. In repertory.

ROSMERSHOLM: Ibsen's drama of suppressed passion and the resulting tragedy, in a new translation by Frank McGuinness, directed by Sarah Pia Anderson. Cottesloe (01-928 2252). Previews Thurs, Fri, May 2, 3, 5. Opens May 6.

SHORT EYES: Miguel Pinero's 1974 award-winning study of a New York House of Detention and how its inmates react when a child-molester is brought in. Man in the Moon, 392 King's Road, SW3 (01-351 2876). Opens Tues.



● **Three years after creating his unforgettable Richard III, Antony Sher returns to the Royal Shakespeare Company and Stratford to play Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice*. The production reunites Sher with his *Richard III* director, Bill Alexander, and has Deborah Findlay, recently in the West End in Lorca's The House of Bernarda Alba, as Portia. Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). In repertory.**

UP ON THE ROOF: Comedy with music, written and directed by Simon Moore and Jane Prowse. Five student friends, on 1975 pledge to meet again 10 years later, compare notes on their achievements in the interim. Donmar Warehouse (01-240 8230). Opens Mon.

WORLDS APART: RSC Stratford production of a play by Jose Triana, adapted by Peter Whelan and directed by Nick Hamm. Janet McTeer as a Cuban woman of 100 years ago, attempting to assert her own independence. The Pit (01-638 8891). From Wed. In repertory.

OUT OF TOWN

BLACKPOOL: That Golden Fortune: Russell Grant in a new musical fantasy designed to show off his talents. Opera House (0253 27786). Opens Mon.

CHICHESTER: Robert and Elizabeth: Ronald Millar and Ron Grainer's musical version of the love story of Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett. Festival Theatre (0243 781312). Previews today, Mon, Tues. Opens Wed. In repertory.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Titus Andronicus: Deborah Warner of Kick theatre directs a new RSC production, with Brian Cox in the title role, alongside Estelle Kohler, Peter Polycarpou, Sonia Ritter. Swan (0789 295623). Previews Tues-Fri; May 2,4,5,8,9,11. In repertory. Opens May 12.

SELECTED

DIARY OF A SOMEBODY: Outspoken details of the last months in Joe Orton's sex-life. Kings Head Theatre Club (01 226 1916).

BREAKING THE CODE: Riveting performance by Derek Jacobi as the enigmatic Alan Turing, computer genius and homosexual. Haymarket (01-930 9832).

THE FAIR MAID OF THE WEST: Imelda Staunton, a dashing barmaid turned pirate queen. Mermaid (01-236 5568).

THE AMEN CORNER: James Baldwin's powerful drama of a Harlem preacher facing revolt in congregation and family. Lyric (01-437 3686)

HIGH SOCIETY: The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter. Victoria Palace (01-834 1317).

DANCE

PILOBOLUS: American company presenting a mixture of acrobatics and dance returns to London for 10 performances. This week's programme is set to jazz, swing, electronic and Japanese flute music. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916).

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Last week of London season: *The Sleeping Beauty* is danced by Mrrill Ashley this afternoon, Sandra Madgwick tonight, Nicola Katrak Wed and Fri, Marion Tait Thurs. Karen Donovan dances *Paquita* (Mon) on a bill with *Solitaire* and *Checkmate*. Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: Last day of London season, with Christopher Bruce's new John Lennon ballet and London premieres by Michael Clark and Ulysees Dove. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916) this afternoon and evening.

MATTHEW HAWKINS: His Imminent Dancers Group in a new work, *Intravenus*. Riverside Studios, Hammersmith (01-741 2251) Wed-May 2.

ROCK

THE TRIFFIDS: Last chances for many months to catch the Australian country-garnished rock group whose album *Born Sandy Devotional* found its way into many a Best Of 1986 list. Tonight and tomorrow, ICA, London SW1 (01-930 3647).

SLY & ROBBIE: In the face of the hip-hop challenge, reggae music's most distinguished auteurs have adopted a heavy funk/rap base on their new *Rhythm Killers* album. Tonight, The Fridge, London SW2 (01-326 5100).

THE OYSTER BAND/Andy White/Dick Gaughan and many others appear at the fifth Farnham Folk Day. Record, book and instrument stalls, a barn dance and gadabout Andy Kershaw as MC. From midday tomorrow, The Maltings, Farnham, Surrey (0252 724638).

JOHN MAYALL'S BLUES BREAKERS: A founding father of British blues, he helped to launch the careers of Eric Clapton, Mick Taylor, Peter Green and many others. No big names in his current four-piece line-up, but you never know who might turn up on the night. Monday, Town and Country, London NW5 (01-267 3334)

JAZZ

HARRY BECKETT: Several chances to hear the respected and highly original Barbadian trumpeter whose 25-year career has included stints with Herbie Goins's Nightimers and Courtney Pine's Jazz Warriors. Tonight, Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241); tomorrow, Greyhound, Sydenham Road, London SE26 (01-778 8521); Tues, Black Horse, 6 Rathbone Place, London W1 (01-580 0666); Thurs, Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722).

SWINGLE SINGERS: Parisian vocal virtuosi whose jazz-up Bach found some favour in the Sixties. Mon to Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747).

DUKE ELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY: On the 88th anniversary of his birth, the Midnite Follies Orchestra and Adelaide Hall pay tribute to the master. Wed, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01 928 3191).

SPIKE HEATLEY: Fine bassist leads his own quartet. Wed Bakery & Brewhouse, Oxford (0865 727265)

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Elijah Moshinsky's visually striking production of Verdi's *Otello* has returned, this time without Domingo but with Soviet tenor Vladimir Atlantov. Julia Varady has now taken over from Rosalind Plowright as the Desdemona; Sherrill Milnes is the Iago, and Edward Downes conducts. Tues and May 2 at 7.30pm. Covent Garden, WC2 (01-240 1066).
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ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: The company's side-by-side treatment of the Don Juan myth continues with a further performance of Dargomyzhsky's *The Stone Guest* on Tues at 8pm and with Jonathan Miller's austere production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* on Thurs at 7pm. Graham Clark and William Shimell lead their respective casts. Tonight, Wed and Fri at 7.30pm the last three performances of David Alden's production of Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*, now conducted by Peter Robinson. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3161).

SCOTTISH OPERA: Begin their 25th birthday celebrations with a new production of *Madame Butterfly* by Nuria Espert of *Bernarda Alba* fame. This is her debut directing opera: the production also marks Sir Alexander Gibson's last appearance in the pit as music director of Scottish Opera. Yoko Watanabe, a most sympathetic Butterfly at Covent Garden five years ago, takes the title role. First night Tues at 7.15pm. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234).

NEW SADLER'S WELLS OPERA: End their nationwide tour of *Ruddigore* with Ian Judge's witty and handsome production of the G & S mock-melodrama. Tues, Wed, Thurs at 7.30pm, Fri at 8pm and May 2 at 2.30 and 7.30pm. Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury (0227 67246).

FILMS ON TV

FAME IS THE SPUR (1947): Michael Redgrave as Howard Spring's rising politician, allegedly based on Ramsay MacDonald (see Radio). Channel 4, today, 12.55-3pm.

A ZED AND TWO NOUGHTS (1985): First television outing for Peter Greenaway's puzzle piece about macabre incidents at a European zoo. Channel 4, Thurs, 9-11.10pm.



● **Kika Markham (above) and Stacey Tendeter play two English sisters who are in love with the same man (Jean-Pierre Leáud) in Francois Truffaut's 1971 film *Anne and Muriel* (*Les Deux Anglaises et le Continent*). Delicate and sad, with a strong feel for period (the 1890s), *Anne and Muriel* was based on a novel by Henri-Pierre Roche whose *Jules et Jim* was also filmed by Truffaut. Channel 4, Wednesday, 10pm-12.20am.**

LET GEORGE DO IT (1940): George Formby lands in Norway and is mistaken for a spy. The best Formby film, with marvellous songs. BBC2, Fri, 6-7.20pm.

CONCERTS

ALL BEETHOVEN: The Philharmonia Orchestra is conducted in Beethoven's *Egmont* Overture and Symphony No 3 "Eroica" by Roger Norrington, Annie Fischer solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4. Programme repeated on Wed. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

BURGOS/LPO: The LPO is conducted by Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos in Respighi's *Feste Romane*, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 (soloist, Dmitri Alexeev) and Martucci's *out-of-the-way Giga* Op 61, *Notturno* Op 70 and *Noveletta* Op 82. Festival Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

TUCKWELL/ROLL: Barry Tuckwell conducts the LSO in Schubert's Symphony No 8 "Unfinished" and Richard Strauss's symphonic poem *Don Juan* besides soloing in Mozart's Horn Concerto K 495. Michael Roll solos in Mozart's Piano Concerto K 482. Barbican Centre. Tues, 7.45pm.

FROM YUGOSLAVIA: The distinguished Yugoslavian pianist Marina Horak playsTajcevic's Balkan Dances and Maticic's Sonata of 1960, plus a group of Chopin mazurkas, Szymanowski's Preludes Op 1 and Grieg's Sonata. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Wed, 7.30pm.

BROWN/RATTLE: Iona Brown conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Mozart's Serenade K 250 "Haffner" and Simon Rattle conducts them in Mahler's Symphony No 1. Barbican Centre. Thurs, 7.15pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY

THE ENGLISH SEASON: Young British photographer Homer Sykes looks at the British season — Wimbledon, The Royal Academy and Glyndebourne — with his own distinctive style and wit. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2033)

MAN POWER: *Sunday Times* photographger Sally Soames's stylish and powerful portraits of male personalities. The Photographers Gallery, 5 and 8 Great Newport St, London WC2 (01-831 1772)

FILMS

OPENINGS

DAY OF THE IDIOT: Werner Schroeter's 1981 film about a rich girl's breakdown heralds a month-long season of heavily sumptuous works by the West German director. ICA Cinematheque (01-930 3647), from Mon.

FAREWELL (PG): Stark and powerful Soviet film from 1981 about the evacuation of an island village due to be flooded by a hydro-electric dam. Based on a novel by Valentin Rasputin. Camden Plaza (01-485 2443), from Fri.

JUMPIN' JACK FLASH (15): Following *The Color Purple*, Whoopi Goldberg was rushed into one film after another, though this lame comic vehicle fails to do her justice. Goldberg plays a cute office worker in touch via her computer terminal with a British spy trapped behind the Iron Curtain. Prince Cannon Haymarket (01-437 8181), Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011), Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), from Fri.

HEAT (15): Burt Reynolds as a down-at-heel gambler in Las Vegas. Directors changed regularly during the troubled production of this sullen drama based on William Goldman's novel: Dick Richards, tactfully listed as R. M. Richards, gets the final credit. Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), from Fri.

THE HOUR OF THE STAR (15): Suzana Amaral's acclaimed black comedy from Brazil, with Marcelia Cartaxo as the small-town heroine trying to survive in the big city. Everyman (01-435 1525), from Fri.

SELECTED

PLATOON (PG): Intense anti-war drama with Charlie Sheen as a greenhorn volunteer wading into Vietnam. Winner of four Oscars — including Best Picture and Best Director (Oliver Stone). Odeon Leicester Square (01- 930 6111).

MY LIFE AS A DOG (PG): Sensitive Swedish comedy with a few dark tinges, about an impish child growing up in the country. Assured direction by Lasse Hallstsröm. Renoir (01-837 8402).

CRIMES OF THE HEART (15): Star-studded edition of Beth Henley's darkly humorous play about three sisters wrestling with their crazy lives. With Sissy Spacek, Diane Keaton, Jessica Lange. Odeon Haymarket (01-930 2738).

BLUE VELVET (18): Powerful kinky fantasy from the inimitable David Lynch, in which the placid surface of an American town is violently ripped apart. Lumiere (01-836 0691), Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366), Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220).

RADIO



● **Ramsay MacDonald (as seen by Low) rose from illegitimate son of a Scottish servant girl to become the first Labour Prime Minister. On the 50th anniversary of his death he is remembered by the youngest of his six children, Mrs Sheila Lochhead. She describes life at Number 10, breakfast with Gandhi (who brought his own goat's milk), tea with Hitler and her father's tragic decline. Radio 4, Friday, 4.05-4.30pm.**

THE LITTLE PLATOON — THE LONG STRUGGLE FOR THE FALKLANDS: The first of eight programmes in which Michael Charlton examines the diplomatic background to the Falklands conflict of 1982. The series includes interviews with James Callaghan, Sir John Nott and Caspar Weinberger. Radio 3, tomorrow, 5.30- 6.30pm.

THE STAR, THE LIGHT AND THE FLAME: Paul Rogers and Bernard Hepton in a three-part adaptation of *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*, charting the troubled history of the English Church up to Queen Elizabeth I. Radio 4, tomorrow, 8.30-9pm.

SLAG MADONNA: Ray Smith, Philip Madoc and Freddie Jones in William Ingram's play about a Welsh village thrown into turmoil by a divine visitation. Radio 4, Mon, 8.15-9.30pm.

FIRST LADY OF THE REVOLUTION: Profile by David Henshaw of Rosario Murillo, wife of Nicaragua's president Ortega and reputedly the power behind the throne. Poet and socialite, friend of Hollywood stars, she recalls her schooldays in England and sending poems to her husband in jail. Radio 4, 8.30-9.15pm.

TELEVISION

ONLY ONE EARTH: Film series to mark publication of the Brundtland report on the future of the world's environment starts with Sue Cook among North Sea fishermen, Saharan nomads and Mayan Indians. BBC2, Mon, 7-7.55pm: continues Tues and Wed.

LIFE STORY: Jeff Goldblum and Tim Pigott-Smith as scientists Watson and Crick, unravelling the mysteries of DNA. William Nicholson's dramatization also stars Juliet Stevenson as the unsung Rosalind Franklin. BBC2, Mon, 8.30-10.20pm.

TO RIDE A WILD HORSE: Documentary on Lucy Rees, a remarkable horse trainer for North Wales who takes her skills to Arizona and demonstrates that a little psychology can go a long way. ITV, Tues, 10.30-11.30pm.

BOMBAY HOTEL: Tim Pigott-Smith again, narrating the story of the Taj Mahal hotel, one the world's plushest, where a staff of 2,000 waits on film stars, politicians and the cream of Bombay society. BBC2, Thurs, 9.25-10.10pm.

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

BODMER'S AND CATLIN'S AMERICA: Prints by two early 19th century artists who depicted Indian life on the range in the peaceful days before the US cavalry arrived. Schuster Gallery, 14 Maddox Street, W1 (01-491 2208), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until May 20. From Tues.

INTRODUCING WITH PLEASURE: Thirty pictures selected from the Arts Council's collection by 12 celebrities. Gardner Centre Gallery, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton (0273 685447), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until May 27. From Wed.

LONDONERS: The capital's inhabitants from the Dark Ages to the present as depicted in manuscripts, paintings and prints. Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699), Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until August 2. From Wed. Free.

AD87: Fifty artists from Anthony Dawson's South London gallery show works at prices from £22. Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Mon-Sat 11am-8pm, Sun 12-8pm, free, until May 23. From Wed.

HANNAH HOCH: Works by the celebrated Dada collagist. Goethe-Institut, 50 Princes Gate, London SW7 (01-581 3344), Mon-Thurs 12-8pm, Fri 12-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until June 20. From Thurs.

SELECTED

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Partnership renewed: Stephen Frears (top, left) with Alan Bennett (bottom) and Gary Oldman as Joe Orton (right)

Bennett's ear for Orton

Nearly 20 years after his death in an Islington bed-sit at the hands of his long-time lover, the playwright Joe Orton is back, stimulating audiences with the macabre comedy of his life and art. The edited diaries are available in bookshops and, in dramatized form, at the King's Head, Islington. On Friday, the film of John Lahr's biography *Prick Up Your Ears* finally reaches the silver screen.

Gary Oldman, eerily similar in looks, plays the jaunty, promiscuous author of *Loot* and *Entertaining Mr Sloane*. Alfred Molina co-stars as his partner Kenneth Halliwell, whose status dwindles from literary mentor to jealous, neglected, stay-at-home wife; he earns posthumous fame by hammering Orton to death and killing himself with barbiturates.

But Orton is not the only author at large in *Prick Up Your Ears*. The screenwriter is Alan Bennett, reunited with the director Stephen Frears after a considerable gap. Bennett has recently drawn sustenance from the life and work of Franz Kafka who appeared as a character in the TV film *The Insurance Man*, and served as the bemused focal point of *Kafka's Dick* at the Royal Court Theatre. Stylistically, Orton seems a more appropriate obsession.

Sensing Bennett's suitability as a screenwriter, Lahr gave him the biography in manuscript. A script was developed in 1980, with Frears — born like Orton in Leicester — inked in as director; but backers withdrew after an attack of cold feet. Once Zenith Productions took up the project in 1984, Bennett used further material from Orton's diaries and hung more of the events around the theatrical agent Peggy Ramsey (played by Vanessa Redgrave); he also slipped sly parodies of Orton's style in between the real stuff.

Whether in films or television, Stephen Frears enjoys fruitful relationships with writers. Hanif Kureishi has followed *My Beautiful Laundrette* with another social drama, *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*, currently in production. Other authors regularly teamed with Frears include Peter Prince and Neville Smith (who appears in the present film as the policeman stumbling on to the bed-sit bloodbath). But the collaboration with Bennett has borne the most fruit: seven TV films stretching back to *A Day Out* in 1971, all rooted in the eccentric, melancholy, trivial swirl of everyday life.

Possibly Frears, like other directors, holds Bennett's scripts in too much reverence: those pungent sentences, so well-observed, so funny, could sometimes benefit from friendly pruning. But nobody would want to lose Peggy Ramsey's advice to Orton's sister, who worriedly spoons the two lovers' ashes into a single urn. "I think I'm putting in more of Joe than Kenneth," says sister Leonie; "It's a gesture, dear, not a recipe," says Peggy.

Geoff Brown

Prick Up Your Ears (18) opens at the Curzon West End (01-439 4805) on May 1.

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Altruism

Mace, the corner shop grocers, are going upmarket for a sporting promotion. They will select 84 sporting types, aged between 12 and 16, through their chain of shops, and put them up at Eton for a week. Eton is supplying its sports coaches and facilities for free, charging only for food, in a spirited, indeed a rather startlingly democratic response to Mace's initiative. It is the first time Eton has been involved in a commercial venture like this: "Eton doesn't need the money or publicity," a Mace spokesman said.

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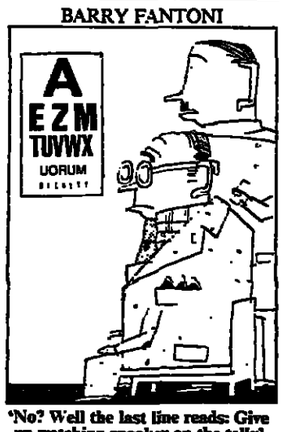
After the success of St Helens soccer team, who have reached the FA Vase final and so soar to Wembley next week, comes news from this hotbed of rugby league that St Helens women's football team have reached their own cup final, which they play on May 3. That is the day after St Helens rugby league side play in the Silk Cup Challenge Cup final at Wembley. The women's soccer club take on Doncaster Belles at Nottingham Forest in what is elegantly called the Niagara Therapy Women's FA Cup Final.

● **Now I've heard everything. A man named Harry Langton has assembled a collection of football art. It's at the Wingfield Gallery, Clapham, from April 28 to May 2.**

Men on the spot

The World Snooker Championships are rolling along in Sheffield, and all the world is watching. Indeed, it seems to have no choice. But just how many foreign journalists are accredited to this major global event? The answer is two. A Belgian and a Canadian.

BARRY FANTONI



'No? Well the last line reads: Give up watching snooker on the telly'

No lightweight

The first of the Classics is with us already: on Thursday the fillies go in the 1,000 Guineas. A breathless telephone call from my racing snout suggests Milligram, who is 12-1 as I write, and thus worth backing each way. This same man gave you the winner of the National: ignore him at your peril.

Cleaning up

Saatchi & Saatchi, those confirmed favourite backers, are busily promoting Spurs as they approach the FA Cup. Within a week of Spurs' semi-final victory, Saatchis were bombarding the faithful with Cup Final merchandising. But – and don't tell a soul – they have also been getting on famously with Arsenal, Spurs' deadly London rivals, who have been featured in a Saatchi television ad for Ariel washing powder. Presumably Spurs told them this was a suitably dirty team.

Stamina

How about this as a record for ground hopping: I hear of a chap who has ticked off all 91 League grounds (Charlton share with Palace); all but six in the GM Vauxhall Conference and all but four in the Scottish League. Impressive? Insane? The fellow's name is Karl-Heinz Stin and he lives in Dusseldorf

The man who brought opera to the people

Verdi is the most popular composer ever – the most loved, and also the one who is most a populist: an expert on the human heart, able to commiserate with characters as different as the slave Aida, the courtesan Violetta and the jovially dishonourable Falstaff, lavishing music on each of them which expresses a grief or joy which are ours as much as theirs.

His genius can be experienced in a season of three of his operas which starts on BBC 2 tomorrow night. Verdi, a man of the people, voiced the aspirations of a people. The homesick Hebrew chorus, extracted from the Babylon of *Nabucco* (tomorrow's opera), became an unofficial Italian national anthem; in his Requiem mass, Verdi's operatic drama of individual passions extends to encompass all humankind – howling in terror of an imminent end or plaintively beseeching pardon and rest.

Opera is mostly populated by gods or autocrats, monsters or demons: Wagner's Wotan, Monteverdi's Nero, Handel's Caesar, Mozart's Don Giovanni, Gounod's Mephistopheles, Bizet's Carmen, Strauss's Salome. Somehow the act of singing renders characters superhuman, and in opera even the representatives of domestic humanity emerge transfigured. Beethoven's Leonore in *Fidelio* is not just any wife, but the embodiment of faith, trust, and sacrificial love.

In this art, given over to exorbitant gestures and heroic fanaticism, Verdi is the one great humanist. Though his people may be disguised as Egyptian pharaohs or Babylonian despots, as hunchbacked jesters or gross knights, as gypsies or Moors, they are all variants of ourselves and – as they sing – our own inarticulate emotions become eloquent. Verdi celebrates the vital delight of existence when Riccardo in *Un Ballo in Maschera* (televised on May 3) laughs off prophecy of death, and the precious anguish of memory when the dying Otello recalls the music of his first duet with Desdemona.

Despite their recklessness and the destruction they cause, these characters possess a simple goodness which is vouched for by the beauty of their singing. They are not cleansed of faults and exalted to paragons, like Leonore or Wagner's Parsifal. Verdi acknowledges the ugliness in human nature, and in opera there is no more sordid or shaming account of ambition than the ferocious aria in *Nabucco* when the downtrodden Abigaille schemes to usurp power, her voice a razor-edge of scarring malice. Still, Verdi cannot help sympathizing with her: the music admits the plangency of her rejected love, and as she dies she is lyrically pardoned.

I don't find this same heartfelt human truth in Mozart. His characters are volatile children of nature. Their charmed lives enable them to walk away from tragedy, like the blithe survivors at the end of *Don Giovanni*. Certainly, there is no such humane compassion in Wagner, all of whose people – the doomed Dutchman, heaven-sent Lohengrin, muscular Siegfried or priestly Parsifal – are aspects of his own ego, intent on self-immortalization and careless of its cost.

Riccardo, in *Ballo in Maschera*, has elements both of Mozart's libertine Giovanni and Wagner's ecstatic Tristan. He is an erotic prankster like Giovanni, scoffing at retribution. Like Tristan who is so in love with death, he sings an impassioned duet in the shadow of the gallows at midnight. But the comparisons indicate at once how different Verdi is from the two composers who are his peers. Mozart's hero is a rampant instinct, Wagner's a morbid urge. The Verdian character is neither a sexual archetype nor a psychological symbol but a *mere man*. Perhaps the most complex and endearingly contradictory person in all opera – flighty yet tormented, irresponsible yet magnanimous, obsessive yet humorous; above all generous, as the cruel Giovanni or the crazed Tristan can never be. We guiltily admire Giovanni or Tristan: Riccardo we like.

The genius of Verdi's characters for befriending us irresistibly recalls Shakespeare. It is tempting to think of the composer as the dramatist reincarnated. Craftsmen from the provinces, they are alike in their anonymity, more concerned with creating other people than with expressing themselves. Like the chameleon Shakespeare, Verdi distributes music impartially to all men alike. When the absurd Sir Toby in *Twelfth Night* announces that he was adored once too, we are made aware that the comedy could well be his tragedy. Shakespearean drama alternates between the points of view of its multiple characters, now mocking Malvolio, now pitying him. Verdian opera manages to represent all those points of view at once.



Verdi: instead of awe, an object of grateful affection

His ensembles compound opposed feelings, as if a patient god were tuning in to the polyphonic hubbub of human affairs. In the most famous of them – the quartet from *Rigoletto* – a girl's broken-hearted lament and her father's curses, a philanderer's glib seduction routine and a harlot's professional banter entwine and overlap; musically they are equivalent, and – while they are singing – Verdi suspends judgement.

Verdi kept a copy of Shakespeare's plays beside his bed. Unpersuaded by the comforts of religion, he believed in Shakespeare instead. He was enticed out of retirement only by Boito's texts for *Otello* (televised on May 10) and *Falstaff*. Wagner wanted to be a Teutonic Aeschylus, revising and superseding Greek tragedy. Verdi felt no rivalry with Shakespeare, yet despite his humility he did manage, in these two cases, to surpass the plays he was setting – so much so that I can no longer read or see *Othello* or *The Merry Wives of Windsor* without painfully missing Verdi's orchestra. He is here, if anything, more Shakespearean than Shakespeare. *Othello* ends in waste and muddle. In the play the hero, accused of doltish ignorance, vainly cheers himself up by singing an aria of self-justification. But he must do so without the aid of music and when Verdi, after nearly three centuries, writes that music for him he is consoled, and allowed a brief restoration of his initial bliss. The Falstaff hounded by Shakespeare's merry wives is a shabby venal rogue whom the very dramatist persecutes. Again, Verdi's music emboldens and rehabilitates him, in the bulbous crescendo with which he outsings his critics, the gurgling trill when he doses himself with wine, or the nimble elan of the final fugue he inaugurates, declaring all the world to be a jest.

Mozart has always had worshippers. Rossini called him *l'angelo della musica*; for Peter Shaffer in *Amadeus* he is a bedraggled, foul-mouthed Messiah. Wagner deliberately established a cult of himself, and sanctified his own stage at Bayreuth. Verdi has never had, or needed, a church of acolytes. He is an object of grateful affection, not of awe. His operas – almost thirty of them, ranging from the ancient Egypt of *Aida* to the imperial Spain of *Don Carlos*, the licentious Italian Renaissance of *Rigoletto* and on to the contemporary French *demi-monde* of *Traviata* – seem to have set the entire world to music. You could say of them, as Dryden said of Chaucer, "Here is God's plenty". But you would be wrong: it isn't God's plenty; it's Verdi's.

Peter Conrad

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The author's A Song of Love and Death: The Meaning of Opera *will be published by Chatto and Windus in November.*

Alan Watkins recalls a boyhood debt to some cricketing odd men

Lefties and other heroes

There are some people who like company at cricket matches. They will take along a friend or acquaintance, or even hire a box at one of the larger grounds. I am not among them: I prefer being on my own. There are others who are, though equally solitary in their cricket-watching habits, great droppers-in. They will spend an hour or so at the Oval before lunch, or a couple of hours at Lord's after tea. Not I: cricket, proper cricket, involves putting aside a whole day.

So it is that shortly I shall be setting off for Lord's on my own. The authentic reclusive cricket watcher still takes squashy tomato sandwiches and tea in a Thermos flask. I do not go as far as that, or carry *Wisden* either. I do, however, buy some sandwiches, a pork pie or a packet of sausage rolls (the permutation varies) from a well-known store, decant some wine into an old soda water bottle with a screw top, remember the field glasses, pack them all into one of those airport bags advertised in the colour supplements, and set off for St John's Wood from Islington along the Grand Union, or Regent's, Canal.

This is the most direct way of getting to Lord's from my part of the world. It is also the prettiest. Some enterprising person ought to inaugurate trans-London passenger launches.

These preliminary logistical details are not supplied by inadvertence, or simply to provide personal colour. For, just as I like to be on my own, and to take up a whole day or best part of one, so I do not want to queue for food or hang around bars.

Lord's has an abundance of the latter, an even greater choice if you are, as I am, a member of Middlesex County Cricket Club. In that case you can use not only the Warner Stand but also the MCC Pavilion when Middlesex are playing, though drinking is not allowed in the Long Room. Membership of Middlesex must be one of the best bargains now available. But as C.R. Attlee once advised a new Labour MP, I try to keep away from the bars.

I do this primarily because watching cricket is, for me, as it is for many others, a reversion to childhood, or adolescence. The sandwiches would be made by my mother, who disliked making them. They would contain jam or spam, carried in an old Weetabix packet. The drink would be Corona lemonade, or lemonade which my mother made by pouring boiling water on to sugar and sliced lemon in a jug.

Then I would catch the bus to Swansea, some 14 miles distant. If Glamorgan were playing the visiting touring team, my father would come too. In 1946, when I was 13, he took me to see the Indians. The great all-rounder Vinoo Mankad bowled left-arm round the wicket. This did a good deal for my confidence, for I was left-handed myself. I do not mean my confidence at cricket, but generally.

From first going to school I had possessed a sense of oddness, of separateness, about many things but particularly about being left-handed. Not only Mankad. I discovered, but numerous other fine cricketers were left-handed as well. Why even the great Denis Compton was the same as I was, batting right-hand and bowling left. Instead of being part of the awkward squad, one was a member of a privileged minority.



Corona and spam sandwiches: the crowd at Lord's for England v Australia, August 1945

There was another Indian who cheered me up, though in a cricketing sense only. This was a most elegant opening batsman called Mushtaq Ali. It was, however, as a fielder that he encouraged me. I could never manage a proper throw. I used to throw like a girl. (This is not a sexist observation but a statement of observable fact, at any rate as things were 40 years ago). I could nevertheless propel the ball a fair distance using an underarm flick. Mushtaq Ali, fielding on the boundary, did the same.

A year later I missed Compton and Edrich but caught the South Africans at the St Helens ground. They had some marvellous players – Alan Melville, Bruce Mitchell, Dudley Nourse, Athol Rowan – but I particularly remember two lesser ones, Tony Harris, a pugnacious No 6, and Ossie Dawson, an all-rounder who went in just above him and was the cause of an exchange with a friend which I still remember.

"Ossie Dawson, that's a funny name," my youthful companion volunteered.

"Gwynfor Phillips," I replied – for such my chum was called – "must sound funny to him too."

We never see things straight but through someone else's eyes. We observe with preconceptions. I was influenced by my father and John Arlott. My father never instinctively understood cricket as he did rugby. He had not played the game at such an exalted level, for one thing. He had, however, seen most of the great Australians before the war, and had decided opinions upon them, as he had on most matters.

Thus: "Mailey, lovely bowler, beautiful."

"Grimmett, no action. Like that." (At which my father would flick his right forearm.) "I once saw Grimmett, bowling to Turnbull, I think it was, and he turned the ball from leg, bounced again before the off stump, and turned back and hit his middle stump."

"That's impossible, dad, against the laws of physics."

"Saw it myself."

Like many Welshmen, my father was a story-teller. He was no romantic about Don Bradman, however. "Ball comes down, hits it to leg, always along the ground, never hit a six. Look at the scoreboard and he's got 150. But a boring bat."

Arlott influenced me partly through his commentaries on the wireless, partly through a book of his entitled *Gone to the Cricket*. Again it is the subsidiary character that I remember, or rather the essay on the subsidiary character, in this case H.T.F. (Bertie) Buse of Somerset. He had a knock-kneed walk, a toothbrush moustache and a tie holding up his flannels in the Edwardian fashion.

"But he doesn't even look like a cricketer," someone said to Arlott.

"What is a cricketer," Arlott gravely replied "but a man?"

I later saw Buse bowling in the match in which Harold Gimblett hit Len Muncer of Glamorgan for a succession of sixes. In his recent masterly biography of Gimblett, David Foot calls this one of his finest innings, and describes it virtually ball by ball. Well, I was there, though I did not, so to speak, know it at the time.

Gimblett could never be described as a minor cricketer. He was a great batsman. But he is one of those whom I tend to remember, those who were neglected or underestimated or for whom, for one reason or another, things went wrong. Of course, of the 1948 Australian team, I remember Ray Lindwall, with his padding menace, and Keith Miller, changing the length of his bowling run and sweeping a six with his left hand. But to me the outstanding character of that team was Sid Barnes.

I remember his thick forearms, his enormous strength square on either side of the wicket, and his fielding on the boundary just under me at deep fine leg at the pavilion end, after he had been knocked out by a hit from Dick Pollard in the Test and could no longer field close to the wicket. He liked chatting amiably to the crowd.

The other underestimated Australian was the unobtrusive wicketkeeper Don Tallon. A few years ago I read a book by Trevor Bailey in which he took the same view of both.

Cricket characters tend to find themselves in trouble, as Barnes did, as Phil Edmonds does today. The main change, I think, is not that there are fewer characters but – a different matter – that there is greater uniformity, of dress (no Cambridge caps such as someone as recent as Tony Lewis wore), of speech and of physical attributes. Today Bertie Buse would be too unathletic, Tom Goddard and J.C. Clay too old; while even Denis Compton would be ordered to pull his socks up. Still I shall shortly be trudging off with my sandwiches, in hope.



Ambidextrous Compton: orthodox bat, left-handed bowler

Michael Kinsley

An abdication of justice

Washington

Although the United States is among the most generous of nations about taking in refugees and political exiles, it may be the only Western nation that still uses exile itself as a form of punishment. A 1979 law called the Holtzman Amendment led to the creation of a special office in the Justice Department to track down former Nazis who entered America illegally, strip them of their citizenship, and deport them.

Last Monday a man named Karl Linnas, apparently the former commander of a Nazi concentration camp in Estonia, was put on a plane to the Soviet Union – the only country that would take him. Thus, to demonstrate its contempt for Nazism, now half a century in the past, America has sent a man against his will to a legal system where he has already been condemned to death in absentia. What a blow against totalitarianism!

Linnas is certainly guilty. But that is beside the point. The point is that Washington is endorsing the Soviet system of justice by allowing it to act as America's proxy. In the civilized West, we don't punish a man, let alone kill him, because we are sure he is guilty. We punish him only after he has been found guilty under a judicial ritual – partly designed to determine guilt, partly designed to protect innocents, partly designed to serve other policy goals, partly designed for no logical purpose but honoured as a ceremonial tribute to the ideal of blind justice – which is one thing that distinguishes us from Nazis and communists.

The Linnas case has produced a bizarre inversion among the American pundits. Usually it is conservatives who complain about guilty people getting off on technicalities and liberals who emphasize that serving justice is not simply a matter of punishing the guilty. On this occasion it is the William Buckleys and Patrick Buchanans clutching at procedural and evidentiary straws, and liberal Anthony Lewis of *The New York Times* who argues, in effect: "We know he's guilty, so why all the fuss?"

The US has the most elaborate procedural protections for criminal suspects in the world. A foreign judicial system is not illegitimate simply because it lacks all the paraphernalia of American justice that routinely let guilty people go free. We have extradition treaties with other nations using different systems. But we don't extradite people to the Soviet Union because its judicial paraphernalia – the secret police, the gulag – offend our sense of decency.

Karl Linnas was packed off because of the nice distinction between extradition and deportation. Holtzman Amendment deportees get plenty of American-style due process. Linnas's case was heard 14 times in one court or another before he was finally pushed. But a deportation hearing is very different from a criminal trial. There is no jury; the standard of proof is lower. The Holtzman Amendment even provides that a person can be deported for having "advocated" Nazism.

A towering legal fiction makes this possible. As a federal judge put it in the Linnas case: "Deportation of non-citizens from the United States . . . has generally been held not to constitute punishment." That includes forcibly shipping someone to a totalitarian nation where he has already been sentenced to death.

Not, on the evidence, that Linnas deserves any better. But if justice is what he is getting, why cannot the US supply it instead of deputizing the world's leading thugs? The reason is the serious constitutional problems about defining crimes *ex post facto* and about trying people for offences committed in a foreign country.

Fortunately for America's delicate sense of justice, the Soviets are not so fastidious. I doubt that any of the American jurists who heard the Linnas case could tell you whether the Soviet law under which he has been condemned was passed before or after he committed his crimes. Nor is it clear why Soviet justice should apply to acts committed during the Second World War in Estonia. Between the wars Estonia was a free nation. It was alloted to Stalin in the Hitler-Stalin pact, annexed by the Soviets in 1940, occupied by the Germans in 1941, and reoccupied by the Soviets in 1944.

The Holtzman Amendment puts the US in the morally absurd position of not caring whether a Nazi war criminal in American hands is put to death without trial or permitted to loll on the beach, so long as whatever it is happens elsewhere. This, in turn, leads to the grotesque spectacle of American officials looking for a place to dump unwanted Nazis. We almost shipped Linnas to Panama.

War criminals should certainly be punished if possible. The solution could be an international tribunal which would try them under standards of which the civilized world could be proud. Meanwhile, though, I get suspicious of any American politician who makes a great hoo-hah about hunting down and punishing elderly Nazis, disregarding all other considerations. This is too politically easy to be politically healthy. It serves the abstract ideal of justice, which is important, but that ideal should not be disserved in the process.

In confirming Linnas's deportation to the Soviet Union, a federal judge wrote: "Karl Linnas's appeal to humanity, a humanity which he has grossly, callously, and monstrously offended, truly offends this court's sense of decency." But one glory of the American system is that we treat people by *our* standards, not their own. Karl Linnas is scum. We should have made an example of him.

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Paul Jennings

Life – the spin to beat them all

Ever since August 16 I have been worrying, or at least thinking, about the Gravity Probe-B satellite. That is, in between helping to move items of bedding and – indeed – one-night sleeping bags, as various grown-up children and their children come to see us; carving various large pieces of meat; polishing the car (and it's damned lucky to get it once a year); mowing the lawn; hiding eggs on said lawn for grandchildren; trying to find out why "easy" three-part anthem by Thomas Morley for Easter Vigil service always gets out of kilter at page turn-over; and – well, living.

As I am sure all conscientious *Times* readers will know, this satellite, to be launched by the Americans in 1993, will check Einstein's theory that a *spinning* gravitational field, like that of the Earth, will affect the orbit of, well, anything orbiting it with a dragging effect of the order of one orbit *every 30 million years* (my italics), presumably (it doesn't exactly say) different from what it would be if the earth wasn't spinning.

For reasons which, no doubt, people like me would need an intensive seven-year course to understand, this involves the satellite having a 1.5 inch quartz ball polished to *within about one millionth* of an inch of being perfectly spherical. It will rotate (more italics, please) in a vacuum for *about 3,000* years.

Well, of course, we've come on a bit since the days of the wife of a Warden of All Souls, whose remarks were related in Sir William Hayter's biography of Spooner. Soon after dons were allowed to marry, and large houses were going up in North Oxford – and, even worse for traditional Classics men, laboratories – she said scornfully: "The Warden could get up science in a fortnight if he wanted to."

Most of us, coming in between, are now sufficiently abashed by countless stories of Britain's decline, German technical schools, the terrific social prestige of engineers in America as opposed to here, where chinless-wonder ruling classes make them eat in the servants' hall – let alone all those terrifying Pacific-basin countries where anyone failing his BTech has to commit suicide.

We come somewhere between that Oxford Lady and W. H. Auden, who said: "When I find myself in the company of scientists, I feel like a shabby curate who has strayed by mistake into a drawing-room full of dukes."

We go in on purpose. We do try to understand. I have a yellowing cutting from the same page of *The Times*, dated October 31, 1971. It's all about a Dr Robert Ficken, of the University of Wisconsin, noticing that the blue-winged warbler had a black stripe running down the bright yellow head from between the eyes to the beak; he thought it must *be for* something, since many birds of prey had such a stripe. He seemed to think that it led to the point of the beak, "a point at which prey, when sighted, would be ideally positioned for quick capture in the beak".

For years it has been on the tip of my typewriter to write to Dr F. and point out that if they can see their prey anyway a line on their heads won't help them. In fact, if they look at the line instead of the prey they will go cross-eyed, see two of it, get the distance wrong and crash into the ground aiming at the wrong vision.

But I've been too busy mowing orchards, never mind lawns, struggling through dense little paperbacks about people like Chomsky, driving to Scotland, learning second tenor in the *Fidelio* prisoners' chorus, making the then children do their piano practice (fat lot of good *that* was), putting up bean poles and – well, living.

Similarly, I shall probably never get round to writing to these Lockheed Space people at Stanford and pointing out that by the time their gyroscope has stopped in 3,000 years (how did they keep the vacuum in after they had pulled the string, if it is anything like the gyroscope I had as a boy?) Einstein will seem practically Neanderthal to the scientists (if alive), let alone after 30 million years. But nobody will have written a better three-part anthem than Morley (let alone a better three-part Mass than Byrd).

And what were *they* for? Could it just be for the same reason as that black stripe on the yellow head of the blue-winged warbler: beauty?

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WORK AND WELFARE

A large pay rise for nurses now and a small reform of the benefits system for the future: the Prime Minister gave the unofficial launch to her campaign for a third term on Thursday in a manner which has typified her personal style through the previous two. To the chagrin of her Labour and Alliance opponents she has never shrunk from the well-tried means of winning elections. To the frustration of her Conservative critics on the Right she has long made a case for radical welfare reform — but not yet.

Mr Neil Kinnock seemed pleased with his success in eliciting from Mrs Thatcher the strong hint that if her Government were re-elected it would stop paying social security benefit to 16-18 year olds not in full-time education who refuse to take available jobs or go on training courses. Labour MPs evidently saw this as something of a political coup, as an admission of the "secret agenda" which their leaders are making so much of at the moment. The Tory backbenchers liked it too, particularly those who fear that the manifesto, like that of 1983, will have no secrets at all and who hope that some of Mr Hattersley's fears will turn out to be justified.

This latest argument — at least as far as Mrs Thatcher carried it — ought not to be too controversial even for a cautious Conservative manifesto. Over the long term the failure to curb social security spending remains the biggest block to serious reduction of public spending overall. Too high spending is the cause of too high taxes. Too high taxes are the biggest obstacle both to tax reform and to the acceleration of economic growth.

If it is right to restrict the unconditional payment of social security at all, it is sensible to make a start with school leavers. There the political support for encouraging those without a job to undergo some training is strongest. There the feeling that those who refuse to train themselves for work should not merit state funds is most widespread.

The principle of a financial inducement to young people to take up the YTS courses on offer is not new. Those choosing "voluntary unemployment" by declining to attend YTS courses are for a period of 6 months eligible for only 60 per cent of the full Supplementary Benefit rate. For 16 and 17 year olds the full amount is £18.75 a week.

These payments are not riches, but they are certainly enough to persuade some young people that it is more comfortable to stay in bed in the morning than to go out and find a job or make an effort to prepare themselves for a job. This kind of opting out is inevitably at the expense of those who are prepared to find work and pay their taxes.

Unlike the redundancy which befalls a steel worker in middle age or the early retirement forced on a less successful manager there is rarely anything in the "alternative lifestyle" chosen by a minority of the young that can be ascribed to bad luck. When youngsters apply to join adult society they must expect to do so on society's terms not on theirs.

Too often benefits for young people act not as a safety net but as a mantrap into which the unwary fall in the act of surrendering their personal and family responsibilities. In extreme cases the benefit system may lead to all kinds of unintended and unwelcome changes in behaviour.

In the US, for instance, there is great concern at the rapidly growing number of unmarried mothers among the black population who have chosen motherhood as a way of unlocking access to the social security system. There is much to be said for not giving crutches to the healthy.

The Government is evidently fully aware that there are important differences between restricting availability of social security to young people and introducing a US-style form of "workfare" — something which the Prime Minister said this week she had no plans to do "at the moment".

Under "workfare" any unemployed person of working age may draw social security only if he or she contributes a minimum of work for the community. In the UK that would mean setting up large scale work programmes which at the moment do not exist.

But there is a strong case for making payment of benefit conditional throughout working life on some form of work contribution, even if only for 1 or 2 days a week. American experience is that this is often positively welcomed by the unemployed. It tends to help those out of work to retain their employability.

For "workfare" to have an impact on the economy as a whole a major change of attitude to benefits would be required. "Workfare" may itself help to bring about that change.

THE TACTICAL LEFT

Mr Kinnock was in good form at Northampton last night on the subject of tactical voting. Theoretically, tactical voting means simply voting for the candidate most likely to get the Tory out. In reality, on presents trends for the coming election, it means voting Alliance in Tory-held marginals.

"Fruit machine politics," Mr Kinnock called it. By this phrase he meant that voters who might otherwise vote Labour or abstain are being urged to vote Alliance on the off-chance that enough others will do the same for all such votes to match up and produce the winner. The comparison with the fruit machine was a vivid image by Kinnock. From his point of view, it was a pity he did not use it to convince the editors of *New Socialist*, a Labour Party publication which has just come out in favour of tactical voting.

New Socialist's embrace of this originally centrist cause is an example of the gathering support on the left for tactical voting. Other supporters include the *New Statesman*, Professor Eric Hobsbawm in the May issue of *Marxism Today*, and several of the most energetic members of TV87, the group recently set up to advise the public on how to vote tactically this year.

That does not mean that the cause is supported by the entire left. It means it is supported by that part of the left which wants Mrs Thatcher to lose the election, as opposed to that part of the left which wants her to win it (in the hope that Kinnockian revisionism will be overthrown in the Labour Party, more unemployment created, working class revolutionary consciousness raised, and "socialism" at last taken up by the masses).

New Socialist, and other left wingers who are prepared to participate in more bourgeois politics, are realists who are prepared publicly to admit that the Conservatives can only be beaten by an alliance with the Alliance. There is nothing new about the left forming alliances. There is nothing new about Marxists doing so. One of the movement's foreign affairs experts (Molotov) once signed a treaty with Ribbentrop. They should be able to accept a Hobsbawm-Owen pact.

But it is reasonable to ask: who is using whom here? Are the left-wingers using the social democrats and liberals to destroy "Thatcherism" as a preliminary to destroying liberalism and social democracy? Or are the liberals and social democrats using the left wingers on the principle that any votes are welcome. Professor Hobsbawm is a member of the Communist Party — "still a member of the communist party" is the phrase constantly used in print to describe him.

In the list of now-obscure works by Professor Hobsbawm's fellow-communist, Lenin, there is a book called *Two Tactics of Social Democracy*. It is fair to assume that tactical voting was not one of the two. Lenin, and most other important Marxists — including Professor Hobsbawm in the past — would only have approved of working with such people as the present British social democrats is there was something in it for "the Movement".

What advice is Mr Hobsbawm giving, for example, to voters in constituencies where there is a perfectly good communist candidate? Or is he saying: only vote Alliance where the no-hope candidate is Labour?

It is also by no means clear that Professor Hobsbawm is right about the Alliance. He is wrong if he assumes that the Alliance is part of a left-of-centre majority in Britain which could replace Mrs Thatcher or the Conservatives if only it could unite. It is at least as likely that the Alliance and the Conservatives make up an anti-left, anti-Labour and anti-Hobsbawm majority.

The dominant figure in the Alliance is Dr David Owen — pillar of NATO, Atlanticist, believer in the free market, supporter of the Falklands war. Dr Owen left the Labour Party to get away from people like Professor Hobsbawm. It is a cynical notion, this left-wing involvement with social democrats and liberals. Naturally, there is the hope that — by encouraging Alliance votes in Tory-held marginals — the Conservatives would lose enough seats in the south to let Labour in on the strength of its Northern and Scottish heartland. That now looks like the best chance of Labour alone forming a Government. At least the tactically-voting left says it. Mr Kinnock knows it, but does not say it — an ommission he may live to regret.

FOURTH LEADER

Sad news: there is trouble among vegetarians. A member of the executive of the British Vegetarian Society has abruptly resigned.

The Fallen Vegetarian, as he may be called to spare him any more blushes, kept a shop. Nothing wrong with that, of course; nothing wrong, for that matter, with the fact that it was a food shop. But a fellow vegetarian, browsing along the shelves, found, to his horror and outrage, that his brother-in-veg was selling beefburgers, bacon, and bangers.

Vegetarians, in this country, at least, have always been looked on sympathetically even by meat-eaters. Those who do not share their tastes have generally felt no need to jeer at them; the opprobium-level has never risen higher than a mild feeling that they are likely to wear sandals and vote Liberal.

The reason for the pleasant image enjoyed by vegetarians lies in their modest behaviour. They do not have harsh words for carnivores; they are not given to violence in furtherance of their cause; there is no record of them ever burning a steak in effigy. Above all, they have managed to avoid the fissiparity to which so many of the more overtly political *groupuscules* are prone, and which is invariably accompanied by the most frightful *mutual recriminations*.

Is that all going to change? Will the vegetarians now look askance at any of their number who may keep a shoe-shop, lest his stock should include any made of leather?

Will they be compelled to swear a loyalty oath, by the terms of which they will not only bind themselves to refrain from eating meat but also promise not to permit any meat or meat product to cross their thresholds — no, not so much as the smallest cocktail-sausage on a stick? Will they set up investigatory sub-committees, charged with standing outside their fellow-members' kitchen windows in search of the tell-tale smell of a roasting chicken?

Surely not. After all, the errant meat-selling vegetarian did not seek either to evade or extenuate the terrible charge brought against him by his fellows. He immediately stepped down from their governing body; a more handsome and dignified way of pleading guilty could hardly be imagined. And if he has any hard feelings for the fellow-vegetarian who shopped him (literally, it seems) he has not expressed them.

Perhaps if he undertakes not to sell the forbidden fruit any more, and to fill the resulting shelf-space with ample supplies of broccoli, spinach, and curly kale, he will be forgiven his transgression and re-admitted to the councils of the Society. Fine words, after all, butter no parsnips, and the vegetarians ought to be magnanimous enough to regard the lapse as a flash in the pan. Though not, of course, a frying pan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Towards a broader based curriculum

From the Headmaster of Aldenham School

Sir, The hope of change, at last, for students as glimpsed by the Vice-Chancellor of York University (feature, April 15) gives rise in this reader to a depressingly familiar view of a goal much to be desired surrounded by defences of irrelevance and frustration.

It is good that a senior vice-chancellor stands out unequivocally for a broader curriculum in our sixth forms. It is realistic that he takes on board the inevitable corollary of a sea-change in the arrangement of and qualifications for courses at university. But it is definitely not my experience that universities show any sign of welcoming the proposed A/S-level exams. Far from it.

It is the experience of very many of us in schools that, while a number of departments are prepared to accept A/S levels in place of one of the usual three A levels, they show no enthusiasm for this. Until or unless they state a clear preference for A/S levels over A levels we in the schools will not change our present reliance on three A levels.

Our educational system is so fragmented that no single part is in a position to make the decision to change — whether we are talking about curriculum, exams, assessment, term dates, contract of employment or anything else. The management of change within a school is difficult enough; within an educational system lacking any unified structure it is almost inconceivable.

I believe that the only way to achieve a breakthrough is for a significant number of universities in at least a range of subjects to come out with a clear preference for a broad sixth-form curriculum.

They would need to state that from, say, 1990 onwards in these subjects a preference would be shown for candidates offering results comparable to the International Baccalaureate. They should give typical grades and performance levels making it clear to the schools that our candidates' interests would be better served by following such a curriculum than by taking traditional A levels. Then leave the organisation of the curriculum to us in the schools.

I am sure Professor Saul is right that very many teachers in both schools and universities want to move in this direction. But we cannot or, rather, I believe we will not so move unless some significant number in the universities make the first move and are seen to mean it.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HIGGINBOTTOM,
Headmaster,
Aldenham School,
Elstree, Hertfordshire.

From Mr J. W. Hele

Sir, Teachers will welcome with enthusiasm the article by the Vice-Chancellor of York University on the reform of A level, the introduction of A/S level, the broadening of the sixth-form curriculum and the changes which will follow in degree courses.

His admirable and constructive approach stands in marked contrast to the unrepresentative, unhelpful and inaccurate criticism of other worthwhile initiatives in education, reported elsewhere in the same edition of *The Times*. It is not true that city technology colleges will cream all the more able pupils; the colleges will be required to admit from the full ability range, and in this, and other respects, to reflect the inner city areas which they serve.

As far as GCSE is concerned, of course we would like more money for its implementation, but substantial additional resources have in fact been made available. The essential point to emphasise is that GCSE follows from the best teaching practice in our schools and is governed by national criteria which have been widely discussed and agreed.

The new examination is warmly supported by almost all teachers as one of the most important steps forward in the past 40 years.

Yours faithfully,
WARWICK HELE
(High Master of St Paul's, 1973-1986),
Hillside, Hawkesdene Lane,
Shaftesbury, Dorset.

From the Director General of the International Baccalaureate Office

Sir, The Vice-Chancellor of York University, Professor Berwick Saul, described the examination structure of the International Baccalaureate as "wholly admirable" and a possible model for a broader sixth-form curriculum.

It also works. More than 90 UK universities and colleges offered conditional places to IB students last October. In May some 10,000 students will take IB examinations and the majority of the successful candidates will be entering leading universities in North America, UK and the Continent.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER PEEL, Director General,
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Geneva, Switzerland.

Whose hands on parish pump?

From the Reverend John Papworth

Sir, Ever since the virtual abolition of local government under Mr Edward Heath, in favour of huge units of regional administration, we have been afflicted with increasing forms and degrees of malaise at the local level which has now reached a state of crisis on many fronts.

The main characteristics of the new order appear to be an increasing reliance on remote professional managers, coupled with the capture of control of council chambers by unrepresentative minorities from different parts of the political spectrum.

Is it not high time to look again at the structure of what is still wistfully called "local" government?

In this parish of St Mark we number 13,000 people. Is it seriously suggested that, if we had the power as well as access to our own rate monies, we could not run our own small infant and primary school, operate our own library, street cleaning, park, clinic, housing, welfare and other services much more efficiently and cheaply (if only because we would be able to call on the voluntary principle much more readily) than they are at present?

Or that we should be unable to ensure genuinely representative control of those services requiring a larger administrative area, such as secondary schools, by sending our selected parish councillors to serve on the appropriate committees?

Yet, if one excludes the election of the churchwardens, the people of our parish have no direct say in anything at all relating to our common affairs. Our rate bills have soared, the school system appears to have entered a phase of comprehensive collapse, public services have become curtailed and slovenly. The gap between Government and the governed grows steadily wider.

Sir, no amount of jiggery-pokery with voting systems will alter the fact that these ills are products of the administrative structure. We are unlikely to improve matters until local government is again made local.

With respect,
JOHN PAPWORTH,
24 Abercorn Place, NW8.
April 21.

Low pay politics

From Mr Richard Terrell

Sir, In his letter in your issue of April 20, the Director of the Low Pay Unit directs his attention exclusively to ethical considerations of poverty and the division of society into the relatively rich and the relatively poor.

The "politics of greed" which the director attributes to Conservative thinking are concerned with ends beyond "greed", namely, the reduction of unemployment, competitive efficiency and the maximisation of the volume of goods and services, or wealth, for distribution by the forces of supply and demand. Those, too, were the primary considerations of Adam Smith, Ricardo and the classical economists past and present.

But the provision of statutory minimum wages must effectively bar from employment people prepared to work for less, and prevent the volume of goods and services from being as large or as competitive as it would otherwise be. Wages should not be confused with minimum standards of relief for the otherwise destitute.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD TERRELL,
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Lissenden Gardens, NW5.
April 20.

A tax on culture

From Mr P. J. Allery

Sir, So once again our intelligentsia are up in arms against proposals to bring British VAT more in line with that on the Continent. Professor Arnold-Baker avers (April 18) that we would become "mechanised savages" if we agreed to tax books etc; yet this is in rather odd contrast to the fact that continental Europe — VAT and all — is in other circumstances held up to our admiration for its strong cultural activities.

Some years ago, at a time of similar controversy, Mrs Barbara Castle, MEP, pointed out that most of those who were then protesting against VAT on books were themselves the most vehement advocates of joining the EEC. Evidently, though having willed the end, they disliked the means.

Yours truly,
P. J. ALLERY,
55 Crystal Palace Road, SE22.
April 18.

Alcohol abuse

From Mr William L. B. Walker

Sir, On the subject of alcohol abuse (report, April 3; letter, April 7) a report in a *British Medical Journal* of 1891 is enlightening. A survey of 4,234 cases in respect to mortality length of life revealed life expectancy as: temperate livers, 62.13 years; careless drinkers, 59.67; free drinkers 57.59; habitual intemperates, 52.03; total abstainers, 51.22.

As a temperate liver, aged 73, I am conscious that a large glass of port nightly has contributed much to my survival.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM WALKER,
Flat A,
18 Redcliffe Square, SW10.
April 8.

Ferry disaster

From the Secretary General of the International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association

Sir, The front-page article today (April 15), headed "Disaster ferry carried banned chemical cargo", is quite horrifying. The obvious pressures of commercial expediency can only be held in check by the more rigid application of the rules and regulations already devised by international agreement.

A definitive work already exists, published by the International Maritime Organisation, who constantly update their excellent and comprehensive study, the IMDG (International Maritime Dangerous Goods) code, which is the bible of all right-thinking masters. My recommendation is — use it.

Add to that the work carried out in the lengthy exchanges at meetings in the several international organisations, Unctad (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development), ECE (Economic Commission for Europe), Escap (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation) *et al* on the transport of dangerous goods by all the other modes. Much of the data available to mariners is also applicable to road and rail operators. Certainly their own trade and technical associations have a specific responsibility to keep their members informed.

All of this means that the knowledge is available: what is needed is more effective management to ensure that all users and operators involved in cargo handling obey the rules.

I await the outcome of the enquiry to see where the blame really lies, but the solution to this sort of problem is already in our hands.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN T. WARBURTON,
Secretary General,
International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association,
1 Walcott Street, SW1.
April 15.

A nurse remembers

From Ms Mary Sutters

Sir, As a practising nurse who also trained at a great London teaching hospital I certainly do not regret the passing of the hot and uncomfortable fancy dress (letter, April 3).

As many of us are now obliged to wash our own uniforms the simpler they are the better. A disposable plastic apron removed immediately after performing a dirty task is infinitely better protection than its starched predecessor worn for an entire duty shift.

Research has demonstrated a reduction in neck and back injuries where nurses have abandoned their hats. I have no desire to cripple myself in an attempt to look like a Victorian servant nor to imitate the supermarket delicatessen counter assistant in a disposable paper version.

I joyfully discarded my goffered titfer some months ago, glad that recognition of my authority has to come from my professional skills rather than my headdress.

Yours faithfully,
MARY SUTTERS,
87 Hamilton Road,
Reading, Berkshire.
April 4.

Care of X-rays

From Sir Gordon Cox, FRS

Sir, The Swedish system described by Dr Wastie (April 17) does nothing to promote what I consider to be one of the chief benefits of Mr Dussek's excellent proposal (April 7).

If the films were handed over to the patient via the GP as soon as they were available there would be at least a chance that the latter could usefully discuss the results of the radiography with the patient instead of being, as at present, little better than a messenger.

The last time I went to be X-rayed I had a very painful right knee and a perfectly good left knee. In due course my GP told me that the hospital reported that I had arthritis in both knees.

Incompetent as he and I may be, I cannot but feel that a discussion with the films before us might have helped a little. At least it could have removed my unworthy suspicion that in rotating me from the supine to the prone position the radiographer's assistant momentarily got confused about left and right.

Yours truly,
E. G. COX,
117 Hampstead Way, NW11.
April 18.

Turning the Corner

From his Honour Lyall Wilkes

Sir, In today's *Times* (April 21) I read that planning application has been made by some property companies for the "redevelopment" of St George's Hospital at Hyde Park Corner as a five-star hotel of 140 suites.

Your readers' reactions may not be dissimilar to Sir William Eden's when the same proposal was made in 1913. In a letter to *The Saturday Review* of April 14, 1913, Sir William wrote:

I have seen announced in a delighted oh-be-joyful sort of spirit, the prospect of the destruction of St George's Hospital with the subsequent erection of a mammoth hotel. One can imagine the sort of American sky-scraper from the atrocities that have been committed lately. "The progress of London" indeed. What an abomination of vulgarity this represents! Hyde Park Corner, as it is, is beautiful and picturesque . . . Let us have a committee to select the plans — not of titled artists or architects without taste, but someone else — myself for choice.

Since Sir William is no longer with us, and since architects without taste are now so thick upon the ground, may I echo Sir William's fears?

Yours faithfully,
LYALL WILKES,
The Gin-Gan,
Ogle,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
Tyne and Wear.
April 21.

Birthday honours

From Mr Marcus C. Davison

Sir, I have often been struck by the coincidence of a number of musicians' or actors' birthdays on the same day. My private *Times* Birthday Game is simply to devise the most appropriate (or most far-fetched, according to the player's mood) programme, play or film for the artists to perform in celebration of their common birthday.

A particular favourite is the day in January which Alfred Brendel and Maurizio Pollini share. What better way to brighten a bleak winter's evening than to listen to their four hands, first at one piano in Schubert's F Minor Fantasia, and then at two pianos in the Brahms Hungarian Dances?

A few days ago the actors Sir John Gielgud, Rod Steiger and Julie Christie shared a birthday. Any reader who can plausibly cast this trio in a film scores an extra point if the soundtrack contains a cello solo for Julian Lloyd Webber, who celebrated on the same day.

Yours faithfully,
MARCUS DAVISON,
Forest Mount, 12 Amersham Road,
High Wycombe,
Buckinghamshire.
Easter Day.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 25 1918

The object of the Royal Marines' raid on Zeebrugge was to block the exits from the German submarine pens by sinking cruisers filled with concrete. Vice-Admiral Roger Keyes (Admiral of the Fleet Baron Keyes of Zeebrugge. 1872-1945) commanded the operation; the captain of HMS Vindictive, which provided the springboard for the storming of the Mole, was Captain A.F.B. Carpenter, RN.

DARE-DEVIL COURAGE.

LANDING PARTY'S ORDEAL.

(From Our Correspondent.)

DEAL, April 24.

Survivors of the special battalion of Royal Marines who took part in Monday night's enterprise are still *dribbling back here in small parties* . . .

The most connected account of the undertaking was given to me by two officers, both of whom made light of their own gallant share in the venture, and of their many wonderful escapes during the hour of fierce combat on the Mole . . . In their own words, "It was a desperate adventure, carried out with dare-devil courage." . . . Their story was as follows:

We were on board the Vindictive, and we arrived at our allotted position. In accordance with plan, we approached under cover of our own smoke clouds. All the vessels, large and small, took part in this ingenious device, the smaller craft letting out as much smoke as their larger consorts. In fact there was a veritable blanket of smoke stretching from Zeebrugge to Ostend. The black, impenetrable wall of smoke completely deceived the Hun for a time, but when he discovered what we were about he put up star shells, and then we had no alternative but to go ahead. We steamed through the smoke screen, and then we caught hell. There is no other word for it.

THE LANDING.

All our men were on deck, and the Germans shelled the Vindictive without cessation for 20 minutes. Despite this terrific fire we carried on, but when we got alongside the Mole we found that out of 14 prows, or gangways, which we had on board only two were of any use, all the remainder having been shot away. There was nothing for it but for our storming party to land by these two prows, damaged and shaking as they were.

With a clear "Over you go, Royals" our men effected a landing on the first ledge of the Mole, but we lost heavily in the process, for the shellfire directed against us was terrible. After reaching the first ledge we had another drop of some 20ft. to negotiate before we could get at grips with the enemy. To make matters worse, it was raining heavily all the time. Undaunted, we lowered ourselves by means of ropes and rope-ladders. Three Hun destroyers lay alongside the other side of the Mole, and all three of them kept firing at the Vindictive *at close range, so it became necessary to silence them first* . . .

The Vindictive had three howitzers on board — one in front, one amidships, and the other aft — and before we left the foremost gun's crew was wiped out three times in succession by the guns from the shore. But our own gunners on board did extremely well. An abundance of shells were put ashore from howitzers, pom-poms, *and Stokes guns, creating considerable havoc among the Germans.* After setting fire to the destroyer we formed up and forced our way ashore at the point of the bayonet. We attacked the gun's crew on shore which had been giving us so much trouble, and after killing a large number, dispersed the rest and captured the guns. Our men behaved magnificently. Meanwhile the Vindictive was being shelled, and she was heavily engaged with the shore batteries, when we received by siren the signal to withdraw; the block ships had by this time been sunk . . .

"WELL DONE, VINDICTIVE!"

The captain of the Vindictive was a fine seaman. With the utmost coolness he gave his orders from the bridge, in spite of the flying and bursting shrapnel all round him. With the greatest skill he managed his ship and got her *safely out, covered by the smoke* screen which we emitted, as we steered down the Channel for home. We met just at daybreak the warship in which was Vice-Admiral Keyes. The admiral signalled to us, "Well Done, Vindictive!" and both crews cheered themselves hoarse as the ships passed each other . . .

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 24: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, today attended the IOC executive committee meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Timothy Holderness Roddam, travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 24: The Prince and Princess of Wales left Madrid this afternoon upon the conclusion of their visit to Spain.

Their Royal Highnesses, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Sir John Riddell, Bt, the Hon Rupert Fairfax, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Victor Chapman, Surgeon Commander Ian Jenkins, RN, and Lieutenant Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

April 24: The Duke of Gloucester today received his Excellency Lieutenant General Mir Shahkwat Ali (High Commissioner for the People's Republic of Bangladesh) and Mr Mohiuddin Ahmed (Deputy High Commissioner).

His Royal Highness, President, International Council for Monuments and Sites, United Kingdom National Committee, was later present at the annual general meeting at the Royal Fine Art Commission, 7 St James's Square, SW1.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 24: The Duchess of Kent this morning opened the Searchlight Workshop's new home, Webb House, at Newhaven. Later, Her Royal Highness opened Royal Terrace, a new flat complex for the elderly, and St Michael's Hospice, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy this evening attended the St George's House 10th Annual Lecture in St George's Chapel, Windsor.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Eric Bristow, darts player, 30; Sir Robin Cater, former chairman, Distillers Company, 68; Mr Anthony Christopher, trade-unionist, 62; Sir John Clements, actor and manager, 77; Mr David de Peyer, secretary-general, Cancer Research Campaign, 53; Miss Ella Fitzgerald, jazz singer, 69; Lord Gladwyn, 87; Sir Francis Graham-Smith, Astronomer Royal, 64; Mr W.F.R. Hardie, former President, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, 85; Lord Hayter, 76; the Earl of Lichfield, 48; Lady Marre, chairman, BBC and IBA Central Appeals Advisory Committee, 67; Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason, 87; Sir James Plimsoll, Governor of Tasmania, 70; Mr David Shepherd, artist, 56; Sir David Stephens, former Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, 77.

TOMORROW: Sir Richard Cave, former Principal Clerk of the Judicial Department, House of Lords, 75; Mr Edward Cazalet, QC, 51; Mr David Coleman, sports commentator, 61; Sir Gordon Downey, Comptroller and Auditor General, 59; Mr J.C.B. Gosling, Principal, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, 57; Professor J.C. Holt, medieval historian, 65; Major-General Harry Knutton, former director-general, City and Guilds of London Institute, 66; Professor Wilfrid Mellers, composer, 73; Sir Oliver Millar, Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, 64; Professor J.E. Morpurgo, professor of American literature, 69; Mr Peter Schaufuss, ballet dancer and choreographer, 38; Professor J.R. Sutherland, professor of Modern English literature, 87; Mr Morris West, novelist, 71.

Service Dinners

The Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry and Artillery
Major G.K. Agnew presided at the annual dinner of The Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry Dinner Club held last night at the Angel Hotel, Bury St Edmunds.

The East Surrey Regiment
Colonel T.A. Buchanan presided at a dinner held at Simpson's-in-the-Strand yesterday for officers who served in The East Surrey Regiment.

RAF Supply Officers
The annual dinner of the RAF Supply Officers' Dinner Club was held last night at RAF Stafford. Air Commodore G.M. Ferguson presided and Air Vice-Marshal R.C. Allerton, president, attended.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot), will take the salute at the Trooping the Colour ceremony by the 3rd Battalion, at Newark, Nottinghamshire, at 10.30.

TOMORROW: The Queen will review her Queen's Scouts in the Quadrangle of Windsor Castle at 2.00

Dinners

Earl of Bessborough
The Earl of Bessborough presided at the annual dinner of the Byron Society held last night at the House of Lords. The Countess of Longford and the Hon Robin Byron also spoke. Among those present were:
The Greek Ambassador, the Countess of Bessborough, Jacqueline, Lady Killearn, Mr Michael Foot, MP, the Very Rev Edward and Mrs Carpenter, Miss Hermione Hobhouse, Miss Elma Dangerfield and Mr Michael Rees and Mr Ian Scott-Kilvert (joint chairmen).

Kent County Constabulary
Mr F.L. Jordan, Chief Constable of Kent, and Mrs Jordan welcomed the guests at the annual ladies' night of the Kent County Constabulary Senior Officers' Mess held at Brompton Barracks, Chatham, yesterday. The High Sheriff of Kent and Mrs Neame and Judge Waley, QC, and Mrs Waley were the principal guests.

Mr D. Thompson, MP
Mr Donald Thompson, MP, was host at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons for old boys of Hipperholme Grammar School. Mr W.G. Webb, headmaster, and Mr J. M. Edwards also spoke.

Royal College of Radiologists
Professor E. Rhys Davies, President of the Royal College of Radiologists, and Mrs Rhys Davies gave a dinner at 38 Portland Place, London, last night for members of the Faculty Board of Radiotherapy and Oncology.

Reception

British Safety Council
The Hon Peter Brooke, Minister of State for the Treasury, Sir Anthony Grant, MP, and Mr John Powley, MP, were the guests at a reception held yesterday at Trinity House for the presentation of the British Safety Council's Diploma in Safety Management to 40 newly qualified safety professionals from UK Companies.

Professor Roy Niblett

Halting the moral slide

Today there is a widespread and worrying sense that values and morals are slipping. Some say that this has always been the case and it is just that we are now more aware, made so perhaps by television, of changing social patterns. But is it simply this? Explanations along these lines do not really grip.

Of course the society we live in is predominantly secular. Most of the education our children receive is of a secular nature; most schools and almost all places of higher education are secular insititutions in which religion is a fringe activity or an optional extra. How far this accounts for the slippage in moral values generally is a matter of guesswork. Is there indeed much connection at all between religious belief and moral values?

Our age is activist in temper. It emphasizes achievement. It finds in neutrality one of the more important virtues and believes that almost all the truth worth having comes from being detached. So the importance of those sorts of understanding which may call for a less detached state of mind may be underestimated.

The words often used to indicate merit in professional people seem to be those which incorporate limited external value judgements. We praise the "efficiency" of teachers and their economy in the use of "resources". "In this vocabulary", as John Dancy says, "people are reduced to 'manpower', their work, with all its purposiveness and passion, to 'output' or 'production'."

It is difficult for any of us to get outside the constellation of values and value judgements with which living in our time surrounds us. Naturally we look for truth in the direction in which the civilized men and women we know are looking. And so our perspectives of what is valuable and what is virtuous will be circumscribed, and we can hardly help it.

Yet sometimes we want to help it. Occasionally a question shakes us. Where is humanity bound for? Are there any real standards of value left or any firm beliefs on which we can rely? Is an endless prospect of more prosperity and leisure one whose fulfilment will fulfil us or the society in which we live?

Such questions are dangerous, and no less dangerous if the normal reaction to them is that we had better be realistic, recognize that death ends the lives of humans and animals alike, but seek to postpone it for as long as possible and make ourselves as happy as we can in the meantime. This is almost a reversion to the ancient "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die".

Many of our contemporaries would say that judgements of value are only expressions of preference anyway. All religions are basically escape mechanisms, values are forms of self deception. Far better to be courageous and face the facts – and the truth.

But "being courageous", is not this to have imported a value already? Are we really facing all the facts if we assume that a philosophy whose object is to encourage us to be as happy as we can is a sufficient guide to living a good twentieth century life? In practice it simply is not possible to live life only at this level for it takes into account only part of our experience.

It rules out any criteria by which we can distinguish beauty from prettiness, love from liking, good from evil. It will tend to see in self-sacrifice and loyalty disguised forms of self-interest, and it will view marriage as little more than a means of legitimizing sexual drives. Most crime, if not all, will be explicated in terms of the mental or physical state of the criminal. Any attribution of "greatness" to works of art or scientific discovery will be ruled out as meaningless. Such reductionism could in the long term abolish man altogether.

An apparent contentment with explanations that simply rule out the moral may mask a desire to escape from facing the question of whether life has real significance. If we have grossly to deceive ourselves in order to find any meaning in things, is there not a fundamental falseness in us?

The relation of moral values to religious beliefs is a matter of continuing debate. The Old Testament makes it clear that the moral and religious upbringing of the Jewish child were intimately related, as in many Jewish homes they still are. Those who deny any connection between moral values and religious beliefs must find it hard to account for the different pattern and hierarchy of values which affect the outlook, expectations and conduct of materialists, Christians, Buddhists and Muslims.

What is believed may or may not be stated in religious terms, but that values and actions are affected by one's beliefs about the ultimate nature of things is hard to deny, even if those beliefs may often be largely unconscious.

Professor Niblett is President of the Higher Education Foundation.

Gainsborough sells for £1m

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's held the most successful English picture sale in their history yesterday, totalling £5.5m, a record for the field. The top price of £1.1m was paid by Colnaghi's, the Bond Street dealers, for a full length portrait by Gainsborough of Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan Bullock of Faulkbourn Hall, Essex. Christie's had not published an estimate but had been talking around £400,000-£500,000.

The seven foot portrait of the bewigged grandee is the type of Gainsborough set piece that was so popular with American collectors at the beginning of the century. This type of picture has not been fetching high prices in recent years but there has not been a good example on the market. This one was uncleaned and in almost pristine condition, with all its impasto intact and an attractive composition.

A group portrait of Thomas Roseman, the actor-manager of Sadlers Wells, and his family sporting on the banks of the Thames at Hampton, painted by Zoffany in the 1770s, went for £880,000 (unpublished estimate £500,000-£700,000) to Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox.

A classical interior with "Penelope unravelling her web" by Wright of Derby, caught in one bright shaft of Caravaggesque light, went to Baskett and Day at £495,000 (unpublished estimate £400,000-£600,000) while an anonymous bidder paid £374,000 (estimate £120,000-£180,000) for a small Bonington oil of Venetian facades reflected in a canal. There are no figures or boats to enliven the scene but the technique is suberb.

A group of paintings by Constable sold in line with expectations. A bright little oil sketch of "Flatford Mill from the Lock", a study for a picture exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1812 (and sold for £2.46m. at Christie's in 1986), made £242,000 (estimate £200,000-£300,000) to Agnews and a hitherto unknown group portrait of "The Barker Children" made £66,000 (estimate £30,000-£50,000).

Sotheby's followed up Thursday's successful sale of natural history books with an auction of atlases and travel books yesterday where the market seemed depressed. The sale made £396,495 with 31 per cent unsold.



The life-size portrait which fetched top price at yesterday's record-breaking sale.

OBITUARY

MR CLIFFORD HORTON

Expert in radiation shielding

Mr Clifford Horton, authority on nuclear reactors, whose career spanned both theoretical research and successful management, died on April 20. He was 59.

Since 1980 he had been managing director of Rolls-Royce and Associates Ltd of Derby, a subsidiary of Rolls-Royce, which designs reactor plant for the Royal Navy's nuclear submarines.

Clifford Charlton Horton was born in Bristol, the son of a cider salesman. He was educated at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Grammar School, Bristol, and at Bristol University, where he took a 1st class degree in physics.

His first job was with the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell.

After a short period working on the reactor physics of Bepo, only the second experimental pile to be built in Britain, he moved on to play a central role in the design of Harwell's Dido and Pluto reactors, which were to provide the fundamental materials data for all British reactor systems.

He played a similarly important role in the design and early operation of Lido, a reactor built specifically for research into radiation shielding. Horton became an expert in this field, and was the joint author of *Radiation Shielding*, a standard work on the subject.

In 1957 he turned his attentions to industry and joined the Rolls-Royce advanced research group to work on submarine and other marine reactors.

Three years later he transferred to the newly-formed Rolls-Royce and Associates Ltd where, as chief physicist - and, later, as technical manager - he was responsible for "taking critical" several of the early submarine reactors.

It was exacting work, but Horton was an able leader who was able to put his colleagues at their ease on these tense occasions, not least by his piano playing in off-duty hours.

His management skills led to him being placed in charge of the parent company's computing operations and, later, of production control for the acro-engine division at Derby. His final appointment was as managing director of RR&A.

Horton was a dedicated supporter of nuclear power. For his contributions in this field he was elected, in 1984, a founder honorary fellow by the Institution of Nuclear Engineers.

His considerable standing in the world of business did not lead him to forget his early upbringing. He always made a point of sporting a pair of brown shoes rather than black; brown shoes had been too expensive during his childhood.

His excellent recall, which contributed to his business success, was fully tested by his other passion, railway history, of which he had an encyclopaedic knowledge, particularly of his native Great Western Railway. Its architect, Brunel, was one of his heroes.

He is survived by his wife, Denice, two sons and two daughters.

MR ERIC ROBERTSON

Mr Eric Robertson, OBE, who died on April 22, at the age of 72, was a broadcaster with the BBC's Overseas Services, whose knowledge of the East was equalled only by his affections for its peoples and its history.

Eric Desmond Robertson was born on October 5, 1914, at the garrison town of Neemuch, Central India, a soldier's son. He was educated at Aberdeen Grammar and at Aberdeen University where he took degrees in science and forestry.

In 1938 he took up a post in Malaya with Guthrie & Co as scientific adviser, moving to the Malay Forestry Service as an assistant conservator. With the threat of war looming he was seconded to Malaya Command and was attached to a frontier patrol unit.

During 1941/2 he worked in the studios of the Malay Broadcasting Company, where he met his future wife, Peggy Broadhead, also a broadcaster.

He drove her round in his prize possession, a 4-litre Bentley. Vintage cars were a life-time interest; but the Bentley had to go when the Japanese arived. Robertson himself played a prominent part in organizing the evacuation and was among the last to leave Singapore.

In Delhi (where he married in 1943) his broadcasting skills were used by All India Radio where he ran the Far Eastern Service from 1942 to 1945.

During this time he wrote a report for the Government based on files of the Straits Settlement police which traced the nature and extent of Japanese intelligence activities in the years leading up to their attack on the Allies. This was published in 1979 as *The Japanese File*.

After the war he joined the BBC external services, first as Malay editor. He then helped to establish the Far Eastern Service, whose head he became in 1952. Seven years later he was in charge of the BBC's Asian services as a whole. He was particularly associated with the long-running series *London Calling Asia*.

He became assistant controller of the Overseas Services in 1964, and controller in 1970, responsible for foreign language broadcasting to Latin-America, Africa and Asia.

He spent his last year (1973/4) at Bush House as Controller, English Services, and deputy managing director, External Broadcasting.

Robertson enjoyed an active retirement. In 1975 he acted as broadcasting officer for "Britain in Europe," the campaign for a "yes" vote in the referendum on the Common Market.

In 1977 he went out to Bangladesh to advise the government on the use of broadcasting as a tool for rural development. The following year saw him in Lesotho for the British Counsel, acting in a similar capacity. The BBC World Service called on his incisive and salty wit for its *Press Review*.

Robertson brought a shrewdness, deep humanity and cool head to all he undertook. He spoke Malay fluently.

He leaves his widow and two sons, the elder of whom, Hamish, is a producer in the BBC World Service.

FR OSWALD LEWRY

Fr Oswald Lewry, OP, who died on April 23, aged 57, had a special place among mediaeval scholars in Oxford in upholding a much-valued tradition of co-operation between the Dominicans and the university in scholastic studies.

He was born on May 8, 1929, the son of a regular soldier in the Leicestershire Regiment, and was educated at Dartford Grammar School. From there, in 1947, he went to University College, Leicester, where he took a chemistry degree in 1950.

After military service, he offered himself as a candidate for the novitiate in the Dominican Order, and thereafter devoted himself to the study of Thomist philosophy and theology.

Despite his initial ignorance of Latin, he showed great aptitude for these studies, in which he was mainly inspired by Daniel Callus and Gervase Mathew. He benefited also from a year at Manchester University working with A. N. Prior and C. J. Lejewski, before teaching Thomist philosophy at Hawkesyard Priory.

He returned to Oxford in 1967 and spent the next 12 years as librarian at Blackfriars. During part of this period, as a graduate of St John's College, he worked on the arts lectures of the English Dominican - and, later, Archbishop of Canterbury - Robert Kilwardby.

This is the most substantial body of material of its kind that has survived from the thirteenth century, and for this work he was awarded a DPhil in 1978.

His first important publication was a long chapter for the new *History of the University of Oxford*; and a few weeks before his death the British Academy published a volume of his edition of Robert Kilwardby's works.

For the last eight years of his life he was on the staff of the Mediaeval Pontifical Institute in Toronto, where his range of studies and his influence among students of mediaeval thought continued to expand.

While teaching and supervising research in Toronto, he always returned to Oxford to spend the summer months at Blackfriars, and it was in informal talks with scholars outside the Bodleian Library that his influence was most pervasive.

He was a man of the utmost simplicity and generosity, and his modesty, his accurate and readily-communicated learning, and his deeply-rooted piety, made him a notable representative of his order.

He was at the height of his powers, and at the beginning of richly-promising scholarly career, when, on returning to Oxford last year, he was overtaken by a sudden illness. This was soon diagnosed as incurable cancer.

He received the news with equanimity, finished two pieces of work, and died happily among the members of his old community at Blackfriars, surrounded by friends.

SIR ROGER CHANCE, Bt

Sir Roger Chance, Bt, MC, soldier and author, died on April 23. He was 94.

During the Great War he took part in one of the few significant cavalry charges on the Western Front, during the retreat from Mons.

Galloping with drawn swords through a field of stubble dotted with corn stooks towards the German guns, his troop of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards were met with uncut barbed wire and forced to swerve in confusion which rapidly became a rout.

Roger James Ferguson Chance was born on January 26, 1893. He was educated at Eton and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he befriended George Llewellyn Davies, one of J. M. Barrie's "lost boys" in *Peter Pan*.

During the Great War he served as captain, 1st Battalion, The Rifle Brigade. He was twice wounded, twice mentioned in despatches, and awarded the MC.

From 1932 to 1933 he was editor of the *Review of Reviews*. In 1938, his varied career and knack of being in the thick of the action took him to the British Embassy in Berlin as press attaché. He served as a squadron leader in the RAFVR from 1940 to 1941.

He published two books of political philosophy: *Until Philosophers are Kings* (1928) and, with Oliver Baldwin, *Conservatism and Wealth* (1929). Two works of fiction - *Winged Horses* (1932) and *Be Absolute for Death* (1964) - were uninspiring. Not so, however, his solitary book on theology, *The End of Man* (1973).

This is a first-rate work of lay theology by one who called himself "a free-thinking layman, heretically inclined" who enjoyed having a dig at the pundits (bishops, he reminds us, "move diagonally").

He married, in 1921, Mary Georgina Rowney, who died in 1984. He is survived by a son and two daughters.

CLAUDE JUTRA

Claude Jutra, Canadian film director, has died at the age of 56.

Missing since November of last year, his body was found in the St Lawrence River on April 19. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's Disease.

He was a graduate in medicine but turned to a career with the National Film Board of Canada.

In France, he made *Anna la Bonne* (1959), and, in Africa, directed *Le Niger - Jeune République* (1961). He also acted in *A Tout Prendre* (1963), an experiment in autobiography.

Perhaps his finest picture was *Mon Oncle Antoine* (1971), a visually beautiful, unhackneyed tale of a boy growing up in a Canadian mining village, which transcends the largely self-erected barrier of Quebec nationalist pride.

There followed, in 1973, *Kamouraska*, a story of colonists surviving Quebec's long winters on the south shore of the St Lawrence.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.W. Byng and Mrs F. Stewart-Liberty
The engagement is announced between Rupert, eldest son of Lady Mary Anne Denham, of Gittisham, Devon, and Francesca, eldest daughter of Mr Arthur Stewart-Liberty, of The Lee, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Rosabel Fremantle, of Lennox Gardens, London.

Mr C.J. Richardson and Miss G.D.M. Morris
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Lady Richardson and the late Sir Leslie Richardson, of Cape Town, South Africa, and Gigi, daughter of Mrs J. Morris and the late Lieutenant-Colonel R.R. Morris, of Huish Farm, Sydling St Nicholas, Dorset. The marriage will take place on June 6.

Lieutenant-Commander M.St C. Armitage, RN, and Miss J. Debman
The engagement is announced between St Clair, elder son of Commander and Mrs A.St C. Armitage, of Godmersham, Kent, and Janet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Debman, of Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mr A.P. Beney and Miss D.L. Delap
The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs J.K. Beney, of East Grinstead, Sussex, and Dana, daughter of Mr D.V. Delap, of Greenwich, London, and Mrs I. King, of Lambrigg, Cumbria.

Lieutenant S.M. Brand, RN, and Miss C.A. Fuller
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jack Brand, of Henton, Somerset, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Fuller, of Llancarfan, South Glamorgan.

Mr J.S. Butterworth and Miss L.E. Sinclair
The engagement is announced between John, second son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Butterworth, of Orleans, Massachusetts, United States, and Lauren, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C Sinclair, of Pittsford, New York, United States.

The Rev R.L. Cotton and Miss H.E. Faull
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs J.H.B. Cotton, of Welwyn Garden City, and Hilary, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.B. Faull, of Willaston, Wirral.

Mr R. Choi and Miss O.M.A. Oulton
The engagement is announced between Ricky Choi, of London and Hong Kong, and Olivya, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D.C. Oulton, of Hove, Sussex.

Mr T.M.G. Edwards and Miss H. Poyner
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs J.M.McF. Edwards, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Poyner, of Rainham, Kent.

Mr A.J. Fullbrook and Miss E.A. Oakley
The engagement is announced between Antony James Fullbrook, BA, eldest son of Mr R.L. Fullbrook, of Canterbury, Kent, and Mrs L. Levy, of Higham, Kent, and Elizabeth Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Oakley, of Blackheath, London.

Mr N.M.J. Hewens and Miss E.R. Seale
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Michael John, son of Mr M.J. Hewens, of Thatcham, Berkshire, and Mrs D. Baxter, of Pewsey, Wiltshire, and Elaine Rebecca, only daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs D.R. Seale, of Kencot, Oxfordshire.

Mr G.J. Knight and Miss G.L. Williams
The engagement is announced between Gary John, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Knight, of Chatham, Kent, and Glenys Lliwen, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Hefin-Williams, of Borth Y Gest, Porthmadog, Gwynedd.

Mr A.R. McEwan and Miss C.G. Cowper
The engagement is announced between Andrew Robert, son of Mr and Mrs R. McEwan, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Clare Georgina, daughter of Major and Mrs E.H. Cowper, of Thames Ditton, Surrey.

Mr M.J. Millar and Miss J.R. Bittleston
The engagement is announced between Michael James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.O. Millar, of Bangor, Gwynedd, and Jo-Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Bittleston, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr C.S. Penn and Miss C.S. Ross
The engagement is announced between Charles Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs F.J. Penn, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Claire Stephanie, only daughter of the late Mr James R. Ross and Mrs K.V. Ross, of Hexham, Northumberland.

Mr S.C. Pigott and Miss S. Lillyman
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Dr and Mrs Brian Pigott, of London, SW15, and Sara, daughter of Mrs Judith Lillyman and the late Mr Brian Lillyman, of London, SW7.

Mr P.D.E Simpson and Miss A.M.C. Donn
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs G.E Simpson, of Langham, Rutland, and Alison, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.P. Donn, of Ketton, Rutland.

Dr J.C.M. Spear and Miss P.A. Mosley
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.J.W. Spear, of Church Crookham, Hampshire, and Pamela, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Mosley, of Darlington, Co Durham.

Mr M. Talks and Miss S.J. Moynihan
The engagement is announced between Martin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D. Talks, of Rugby School, and Sarah Jane, only daughter of Dr and Mrs F.D. Moynihan, of Ashwell, Hertfordshire.

Marriage

Mr R. Packard and Miss F. Kinnear
The marriage between Mr Richard Packard and Miss Fiona Kinnear took place in Berkshire yesterday.

A reception is being held at the Garrick Club.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom: and before honour is humility.
Proverbs 15 : 33

BIRTHS

DICUFFA - on April 15th 1987, to Achille and Lesley, a daughter, Amanda Louisa, a sister for Riccardo, Vanessa and Eduardo.

EMPSON - On April 14th 1987, to Elizabeth (née Knox) and Simon, a daughter, Lucy Harriet.

GRANT - On September 28th 1986, to Valerie (nee Marshall) and Michael, a daughter, Alexandra May Marshall-Grant.

HANN - On April 23rd 1987, at St Lukes Hospital, Guilford, to Linda (née Robinson) and Derek, a son, William Anton George.

HAYMAN - On April 24th, at Torbay Hospital to Caroline (nee Moran) and Michael a son Joshua James, a brother for Hannah.

HORLOCK - On April 21st 1987, to Dawn (née Banks) and John, a daughter, Hannah Rose.

LEGRAND - On April 13th, to Wendy (née Singer) and Jean Paul, a son, David Clement Julien, a brother for Sarah.

LYNE - On April 18th at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, to Christine and Richard a daughter, Antonia Sarah, a sister for Katharine.

MALE - On April 22nd to Margot (née Edwards) and David, a son, Laurence Charles, a brother for Victoria.

MALLARY - On April 2nd 1987, to Fanny (née Neville-Rolfe) and Peter, of Mallary Farm, Bradford Vt. USA, a daughter, Rebecca Slater.

McKENNA - On April 23rd, to Jane (née da Cunha) and John, a daughter, Olivia Jane.

OSBORNE - On April 8th in Chile to Martine (nee Karmock) and Peter, a daughter.

TICKELL - On April 21st, at Harrogate, to Alexandra and Robert, a daughter, Laura Charlotte, a sister for Georgina.

VAUGHAN - On April 24th 1987, to Sylvie (née Lafond) and Richard, a daughter, Olivia, a sister for Victoire.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

HARRISON-BARBET - On April 25th 1937 at Christchurch, Tottenham, Rupert Harrison to Doris Barbet, now of Lindfield, Sussex. With much love from the family.

DEATHS

ALLEBONE - On April 23rd 1987, at St. Matthew's Nursing Home, Lt. Col. Alan Allebone T.D., D.L., of Erskine House, Wellingborough Road, Rushden, Northants. Beloved husband of Muriel, dear father of Mark, Lesley and Kay, loving grandfather of his grandchildren. Funeral service will take place at St. Mary's Church, Rushden on Wednesday April 29th at 11.15 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, for C.A.T. Scanner Appeal, Northampton General Hospital may be sent to A. Abbott & Sons, Funeral Directors, High Street South, Rushden.

BIRDWOOD - On April 18th 1987, in Harare, Zimbabwe, Colonel Felix Tolcher Birdwood O.B.E., in his 90th year, late 11th Sikh Regiment, Indian Army - Devoted husband of the late Louise and dear father of Elizabeth (Juby) and Helen.

BUCK - on Monday night 20th April, peacefully in his sleep, Archibald Hector, "Buckie" to hundreds of his friends. Quiet funeral at Oxford Crematorium, 11 am, Thursday 30th April. Flowers to the crematorium. Memorial Service to be announced. Enquiries to Thomas, 11 Fane Road, Oxford.

DAIRAJ - on Wednesday 22nd April 1987, Mohamed Haroon, known by his family and friends as Harold, peacefully after a courageous fight against a short illness. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Mary Esther, daughter Zein and his sons Noor and Haroun. Funeral will be on Friday 1st May at West Molesey Cemetery at 11.30am. Flowers to Frederick Paine Funeral Directors, 71 Walton Road, East Molesey.

BUDDEN - On Monday April 20th, in hospital, Iris beloved widow of the late Lt. Col. T.R. Budden. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Chest, Heart and Stroke Association. For information on funeral arrangements please contact G.H. Cook and Son Funeral Directors: 0935 23463.

CARWITHEN - On April 18th 1987, peacefully in Hospital in her 87th year, Kathleen. Dear sister of Reginald and Marjorie and loving aunt of Doreen and Barbara also Joan and John. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday April 29th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund. All enquiries to Funeral Directors Surman & Horwood Tel: 08444 3842.

CHANCE - On April 23rd 1987, peacefully at Wern Manor, Porthmadog, Sir Roger James Ferguson Chance Bart, M.C. aged 94. Funeral Church of St Peter and Paul, Wantage, 3.00 pm Tuesday 28th April 1987.

DORCHESTER - On April 24th at home in her 97th year, Kathleen, after a very long illness borne with great courage. Deeply loved and devoted wife for 53 years of Dudley the late Lord Dorchester. Funeral 3.00 pm on Tuesday 28th April at St Swithuns. Naiely. Scures.

ERLEBACH - on April 23rd, peacefully in Cheltenham, Marjorie Brooke (Margot), (nee Wills), aged 91, dearly loved wife of the late Rupert Oswald and much loved and devoted mother of Phillida and grandmother of Cressida, Candida, Corinna and Cassandra. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Leckhampton on Wednesday, April 29th at 2.00 pm. No flowers, but donations to The Royal College of Music Union Loan Fund (Instruments), London SW7, would be her wish.

LEWRY - Father Osmund O.P. on April 23rd. Requiem mass, Blackfriars, Oxford, 11.30am Thursday 30th April.

GROCOTT - On April 21st, Jean Armstrong, dearly loved Mother, Grandmother and Friend. Cremation at Guildford on Tuesday April 28th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers, donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign.

HORSFIELD - On April 23rd 1987, suddenly, Nigel, brother of David, at Southill House, Cranmore. Memorial service at 2.30 pm Friday May 8th at St Bartholomew Church, West Cranmore. No flowers, donations to Cranmore Church

MOUNTSTEVEN - on April 23rd 1987, Lucy Mary Cornelia (Molly) late of Evercreech, Somerset. Peacefully aged 80. Funeral Sion Easton 30th April 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations to Shepton Mallet District Hospital.

PARKINSON - On April Thursday 23rd 1987, Marjorie (née Pendleton) beloved wife of Dr Ellis Parkinson and mother of Jeremy and Nigel. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Portesham, Dorset on Wednesday April 29th at 11.45am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

PLANT - On April 22nd, peacefully after much suffering, Richard Howson Plant, aged 75 years, of Stone, Staffordshire, beloved father of Elizabeth, Jane and Richard, much loved grandfather of Henry, Lucy, Laura, Richard, Thomas, Alasdair and of Rachael, Edward and Camilla. Service at the Parish Church Of St John the Evangelist, Oulton on Tuesday 28 April, at 12 noon, prior to interment in the Church yard. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Stamer House Nursing Home, 45 Quarry Avenue, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent C/O Derek Field Esq. Enquiries to Forrester Brothers, Funeral Services, Stoke-on-Trent. Tel: 0782 313874.

PURVER - On April 18th, peacefully in hospital, T.G. Purver, late of Weiwyn Garden City, aged 87.

ROUNTREE - On April 23rd 1987, peacefully in Guernsey, Francis Robert George of La Perronerie, Sark. Husband of Diana and father of Patrick and Peter. Memorial service in Sark on 28th April 1987.

STAPLETON MARTIN - On April 23rd 1987, Marcus Beresford Busfield of Norbury, Derbyshire, formerly of Woodhall, Norton, Worcestershire. In accordance with his wishes cremation will be private and there will be no memorial service.

TAYLOR - On April 23rd 1987, Elsie Ada, dearly loved wife of the late Frank Taylor H.M.I. and mother of Edward, Alison, and John. Funeral service at Cheltenham Crematorium Chapel. Thursday April 30th, 3.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations may be sent to British Heart Foundation, Eccleston, Lansdown Road, Cheltenham GL51 6PT.

TOWNLEY - On April 20, suddenly and peacefully in her sleep at home in heavenly love abiding, Joan Beatrice, aged 66 years, dearly loved Sister of Murray and Peter and much loved by their wives Marjorie and Marian and children Timothy, Nicholas, Helen and James. Service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Canning Road, East Croydon at 3 pm Wednesday April 29, followed by cremation. Flowers to Ebbutts, 89 High Street, Croydon. United in Love.

WILLIAMS - On April 22nd 1987, Mary Ivory of Puddington, Wirral, peacefully in Hospital, elder daughter of the late Joseph and Louise Williams, much loved sister of Audrey, dear aunt of Ita, Sylvia and Noelle. Service followed by burial at St. Nicholas Church, Burton, Wirral. Tuesday April 28th at 2.30pm.

WILLIAMS - On April 22nd 1987, at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, after a long illness, bravely borne, Maggie much loved by Simon, Hannah and all her family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

IN MEMORY of the Anzacs who 72 years ago landed at Ari Burnu, now Anzac Cove: the 29th Division at Helles and the XXth Lancashire Fusiliers: also their Generals, Hamilton and Birdwood and all others who fell at Gallipoli.

XX THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS "Their name liveth for evermore." In Honoured memory and grateful remembrance of all Ranks of the 1st Battalion XX The Lancashire Fusiliers, who gave their lives for King and Country at The Lancashire landing, Gallipoli, on Sunday the 25th of April 1915. " Omnia Audax ".

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

LENNAN - A.H. 26th April 1969. Ever lovely. Ever loved. E.F.L.

TAIT - In loving memory of Dorothy M. Tait who died April 25th 1985 in her 92nd year. Sadly missed Cyril.

TURFFREY - Sidney Charles, June 28th 1968, remembering always, and especially today, his birthday, our beloved brother.

Science report

Skeleton identified by lead in bones

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

The skeleton of a child found in a Roman cemetery in Dorchester has been identified as that of a young Greek visitor, on the basis of lead which has been discovered in the bones. The child may well have come from the Athens area since the lead has been determined as identical to that mined near the ancient capital.

The discovery, reported recently by Dr Theya Molleson of the Natural History Museum and her collaborators in the *Oxford Journal of Archaeology*, is due to a technique which measures the various stable isotopes of lead and their ratio to each other.

A high level of lead which was discovered in bones excavated from more than 300 graves at Poundbury, a cemetery on the western outskirts of the Roman provincial town of *Durnovaria* which was excavated in the early 1970s (*The Times*, August 15, 1972), had been reported by a previous study. In the present one only four skeletons were analyzed by the technique of atomic absorption spectrophotometry.

The presence of lead is thought to have been due to the use of pewter and lead pots for cooking, and since most such vessels in Britain were made from Mendip lead, in the south at least, the stable-isotope ratio characteristic of Mendip sources would be expected to be traced in bones.

Three of the four skeletons accorded with expectations, but the fourth had a lead isotope ratio which could not be matched with any British or nearby continental source.

It did, however, match the ratio from the famous lead and silver mines of Laurion in Attica, near Athens.

Dr Molleson and her colleagues therefore suggest that the child absorbed the lead while he or she was living in Greece, and died shortly after arriving in England, before Mendip lead, with its contrasting isotopic content, could register in the bones.

Source: *Oxford Journal of Archaeology*, Vol 5, p. 249.

Cranleigh School

Summer Term at Cranleigh School begins on Sunday, April 26, and ends, after sports day, on Friday, July 10. William Cardwell continues as senior prefect with George Henderson as deputy. The Helen Wareham Music Competition will be held on May 2 and examinations for fourth form academic scholarships from May 17 to 20. Speech day, at which the guest of honour will be Mr David Howell, MP, and OC day will be on May 23. The sixteenth annual Preparatory Schools Tennis Festival will be on June 19, and Enterprise week for the lower sixth starts on June 29. A gaudy for Old Cranleighans who left the school in 1975, 1977 and 1979 will be held on Saturday, June 13. Those wishing to attend may obtain further information from the Common Room Secretary. Telephone: 0483 273666.

Heathfield School, Ascot

Term begins today at Heathfield School with 190 girls in school. Charlotte Stockdale continues as head girl. The fellowship evensong will be on Sunday, May 31, the Sunday after Ascension day and the address will be given by the Rev Mary Pat Lennard (née Poole, headgirl in 1939). Details of booking for the family luncheon being held before may be obtained from Mrs Peter Reeve, Leadenham House, Leadenham, Lincolnshire. Term ends on Wednesday, July 8 with parents' day on the preceding Saturday, July 4.

Church services tomorrow

First Sunday after Easter

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M, Canon P R Iles: 11 S Euch, (Stanford in B flat & F). The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley). Rev J H R de Saumarez: 3.15 E. This joyful Eastertide (Wood). Responses (Leighton). (Stanford in B flat). Let all the world (Williams): 5, Scouts' Service for St Georgestide: 6.30 ES. Rev T E Roberts

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC: 10.15 S Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart). Ave Verum (Mozart). Canon John Toy: 11.30 M, (Stanford in B flat). Responses (Rose) & E. (Stanford in C). Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem (Stanford). Responses (Sumsion). Rev Ian Ellery.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 M. Jubilate and Te Deum (Stanford in C). Canon Graham Routledge: 11.30 HC. (Darke in F). Most glorious Lord of Lyfe (Gibbs): 3.15 E. Sumsion in G. How beautiful upon the mountains (Stainer). Rev William Horbury.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10.30 M. Easter Anthems, Responses (Rose), (Williams in C). Rev D Gray: 11 40 S Euch. Stravinsky Mass. Ave maria (Stravinsky). 3 E. (Stanford in C). Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Rev G Austin: 6.55 Recital. The Norwegian Singers: 6.30 ES. Rev A Lunt

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais). Be still my soul (Swinnock). Tantum Ergo (Dumont). Canon Gerald Priddis: 3 E. The Chichester Service, King of Glory (Davies). Where does the uttered music go (Walton). Rev Shiraah Brown.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM: 11 HM. Fr Michael Hayes.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP. Let God arise (Clarke). Canon R T W McDermut.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral M. 12 HC. The Blues and Royals. Rev D W Johnson.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC: 11 M, Benedictus (Stanford in C). Ecce vicit leo (Philips). Rev Michael Bourne.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP. Christ the Lord is risen again. Responses (Smith). Te Deum Laudamus (Smart in F). Rise heart, thy Lord is risen (Williams). The Reader.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 8.30. 12.15 HC: 11 M, Hallelujah Chorus (Handel). Rev Leslie J Naker.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC: 11 M, (Harris in A). The Lord is King (Boyce). The Chaplain. 3.30 E. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion (Macpherson). (Sumsion in G). I will lift up mine eyes (Walker).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Cuallet de Mello.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 9.15 LM: 11 HM. Missa sancti Joannis de Deo (Haydn). Ye choirs of New Jerusalem (Stanford). Rev C A Braddington: 6 E & B. (Rootham in E minor). Victimae Paschali (Byrd). The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC: 11 Rev Ian Bendoy: 6.30 Rev John Stott.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC: 10 Children's Service: 11 M, Rev J H L Cross: 6 E, Mr David Royce.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC: 11 MP & HC, Rev D R Watson.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (1662): 11 HC (ASB). Rev J A K Mullar: 6.30 Guest Service. Rev J S Perkin.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC: 11 MP (1662). Rev Oswald Clarke.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Canon Roberts.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM: 11 Solemn M. Missa Salisburiensis (Bush). Ye choirs of Jerusalem (Stanford). Dan Sherwin: 5.30 LM.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC (Said): 11 Choral M & Euch. Responses (Sumsion). Jubilate (Jacob). (Wood in Phrygian mode). Canon John Oates: 6.30 Choral E. Responses (Sumsion). Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis (Stanford in C). If we believe that Jesus died (Goss). I know that my Redeemer liveth (Bach). Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley).

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC: 11 S Euch (Sumsion in F). The strife is o'er (Ley). Rev Fr Bill: 6 E & B.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Walton). O where shall wisdom be found (Boyce). The Rector.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion: 6.30 E.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10. 8 HC: 11 MP & Baptism: 6.30 EP. Mr John Hall.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch: 6 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8, 10.30 HC, Rev D Perkin: 6 E, Rev D Perkin.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, St John's House, NW8: 8 HC: 9.30 Parish Communion: 11 S Euch. The Vicar: 6.30 E. The Vicar.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC: 10.30 MP & HC. Rev S Acland. If we believe that Jesus died (Goss). 6.30 E. And I saw a new heaven (Ralston).

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC: 10 Family Communion: 11 S Euch & Holy Baptism. Ireland in C. Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, NW1: 8.15, 12.15 HC: 11 Choral M. Rev Michael Waite.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC: 9.45 Euch, Rev Philip Chester: 11.30 MP. The Vicar: 2.45 Chinese Service: 6.30 EP. Rev Stephen Roberts

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC: 9.30 S Euch, Sister Gerd: 11.15 M (1662). Rev J Brownrigg: 6.30 E. Sister Gerd

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM: 11 HM. Spatzenmesse (Mozart). Worthy is the lamb (Handel). The trumpet shall sound (Handel). Fr T Busby: 6.15 E & Solemn B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC. Messe Basse (Fauré). Ein Feste Burg (Bach). Rev D Head: 6.30 Service of hope for those people with AIDS. Bishop of California.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 11 MP. Rev D C L Price: 7.30 HC & informal ES.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M. This joyful Eastertide (Wood). Responses (Rose). Easter anthems. (Nares in F). Ye choirs of New Jerusalem (Stanford): 12.15 HC.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC: 11 Solemn Euch. Missa Brevis (Britten). Awake, arise, lift up your voice (Rose). Deus canticum novum (Aspull). Rev Hugh Bishop.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 10 Family Mass: 11 Solemn Mass, Rev P Bustin.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8, 7.30 HC: 11 M. Prep John Pearce: 6.30 E. Prep John Pearce.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM: 11 HM. Missa in simplicitate (Langlais). Rev Perry Butler: 6 E & B. Rev Robert Browne.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 HC. Rev Hector G Ross: 3 HC. Rev John H Burns: 6.30 Rev W Alexander Cairns.

ST JOHN'S, SCOTTISH CHURCH, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev Kenneth G Hughes.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM: 11 SM, Missa Petre ego pro te rogavi (Guerrero). This joyful Eastertide (Wood). Love is come again (Anon).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Missa Vidi speciosam (Victoria). Dum transisset (Shepherd).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30, 7 LM: 11 HM. Missa Festiva (Peeters). Surgens Jesus (Philips): 5.30 V. Tenebrae nostrum (Byrd).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM. Iste Confessor (Palestrina). Exsultate Justi (Viadana). Laudate Nomen Domini (Tye).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM: 11 HM. Pulsque Tay perau (Lassus). Scio enim quod Redemptor meus (Lassus).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square, W1: AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Rev George Lovell: 6 Mr Lionel Fernando.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev Stuart Jordan: 6.30 Rev Leslie Griffiths.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev John Miller: 6.30 Rev B K Tetley.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11, 7 Service of East African hymns and songs.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Rev Donald C Gibbins.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev R John Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La, WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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GRATEFUL Thanks to the Sacred Heart and St Jude. J. and A.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

EVANS - The family AT (Fred) wish to extend sincere thanks for expression for sympathy received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all who attended the Church service, Vicount Tonypandy, Rev. M Parsons, Messrs DJ Thomas & Son Funeral Directors and to those who forwarded donations to The Wales Council for Disabled.

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Japanese in rescue bid for Bedford van plant

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Bedford's Luton van plant has been saved from almost certain closure by a joint venture with the Japanese vehicle maker Isuzu, but drastic cost cutting could lead to a loss of jobs among the 2,000 workers before output can be increased.

Yesterday General Motors, parent company of the heavy loss making commercial vehicle subsidiary, said it had signed a memorandum of understanding with Isuzu to negotiate a joint venture.

Mr Paul Tosch, GM chief executive, said without the "imaginative and innovative way forward" Bedford could not be made viable. Last year GM failed to merge its heavy truck operation with Leyland Vehicles and halted production of trucks at its Dunstable factory with the loss of 750 jobs. But the Luton van plant was also in serious financial trouble.

Faced with the need to dramatically cut production costs and replace the 18 year old CF van with a new design GM has turned to Japan for a solution. The links are already firmly established as GM has a 38.6 per cent stake in Isuzu and Bedford produces Isuzu and Suzuki vans under licence.

In 1987 Luton built almost 20,000 vans but only 5700 CFs, the remainder were Bedford-badged Japanese vehicles. It is widely expected that Luton will produce new Isuzu-designed vans.

GM will have a 60 per cent share in the new company and Isuzu 40 per cent. Japanese executives will be brought in to improve the efficiency of the Luton plant and Mr Tosch has made it clear that there must be a new agreement with employees for more flexible working.

Executives are talking optimistically of producing 40,000 vans by 1990 and exporting half the output. Last year Luton exported only 3200 vans.

In North America GM has resorted to a joint venture with Volvo to improve the fortunes of its truck operation with the Swedish company holding a 76 per cent stake.

● Workers occupying the Caterpillar factory at Uddingston, near Glasgow, are likely to give in to the pressure they face from their management, their union and a potential buyer, and vote to end their sit-in at a meeting tomorrow.

The buyer, a consortium headed by former BSC chairman Sir Monty Finniston, has indicated that it could begin work soon at the factory employing around 400 of the 1,221 workforce.

A purchase could be completed next week. The consortium has secured financial backing, including government aid.

It would produce a specialized multi-terrain vehicle for the civillian and military market and is understood to have several hundred orders already.

An agreement of sorts between the Caterpillar management, the workers, and their union, the AEU, was hammered out on Thursday night at the Scottish TUC conference in Perth.

The package will be put by the shop stewards to the workers tomorrow. It involves redundancy payments and the timing of those redundancies, but the exact nature of the deal remains unknown.

From comments made yesterday by their convenor, Mr John Brannan, it is clear the occupying workforce has been completely isolated.

Mr Brannan and his supporters would undoubtedly have fought to the end to have Caterpillar reverse their decision. But faced with the prospect of wrecking any chance of future employment at the factory they have backed off.

German veterans relive secret operation



The former Luftwaffe airmen in front of the JU88 nightfighter at the RAF Museum yesterday: Back, from left: Richard Marz, Deiter Brinkmann, Konrad Roesner, Heinz Misch, Willie Kleebauer, Walter Winterhoff; front, from left: Gunter Schmidt, Rudolf Kotter, and Emil Nonnenmaaher

Six German former Luftwaffe pilots and navigators were yesterday reunited with a Junkers JU88 nightfighter of the type they flew over Britain in a secret operation to destroy RAF bombers at the end of the Second World War.

The German airmen were visiting the RAF Museum at Hendon in north London with Mr Simon Parry, author of *Intruders over Britain*, the recently published story of the secret operation known to the Germans as Operation Giselle.

In March 1945, only weeks before the end of the war, the Luftwaffe launched their plan to destroy RAF bombers as they came into land at their home bases.

The JU88 nightfighters would trail the RAF bombers right to their airfields and then attack as they came in to land. In a few hours, 24 RAF bombers were destroyed over eastern England, a fact which so embarrassed the RAF that it was kept secret for many years, according to Simon Parry.

Anti-aircraft defences had difficulty in stopping the nightfighters because of the fear of shooting down RAF planes.

The six German airmen are all members of the German Association of Fighter Pilots and yesterday was the first time any of them had been inside a JU88 nightfighter for more than 40 years.

3 die in Channel ferry collision

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speed, because you could see the high bow wave. There were three abreast: two shot off to our right, and the third one seemed to be coming straight at us.

"This is from 400 or 500 yards. He just kept coming. Our boat gave several blasts on the siren, and it was as if this thing hadn't seen us. He veered off to the right, but it was too late. It was like watching a film in slow motion.

"The trawler just crashed into the boat. It seemed to be almost crushed. It spent a few seconds on its side; I saw three people getting out, then the thing just turned turtle with the hull upwards and the screws spinning around by themselves.

"The other trawlers came over to help get people out of the water. It was almost as if the trawler was racing to try and get across the front of the boat. Why he didn't take evasive action earlier I just don't know."

Another passenger, Mr Peter Dawson, a water technician from Cleethorpes, said: "We were having breakfast when I heard a bump and the engines stopped. I looked out and saw the trawler with its hull turned up float past us. I saw three people being rescued by small boats. The trawler sank in about 30 seconds.

"Neither this nor the Zeebrugge ferry disaster has put me off car ferries. I am quite satisfied of their safety and will be sailing again in August."

Mrs Anne-Marie Coustard, who spoke very little English, said as she left the Hengist at Folkestone: "It was terrible, very bad to watch."

The ferry was brought back by the Hengist's chief officer, Mr Andrew McCulloch.

The accident comes seven weeks after the capsize of the Herald of Free Enterprise with the loss of nearly 200 lives. Only a week ago a fire broke out in the motor of a capstan on the ferry Vortigan, which Townsend Thoresen had chartered from Sealink to replace the Herald of Free Enterprise. The vessel was out of service for several hours.

Sealink said that later the ferry was allowed by the French authorities to leave. The company sent one of the senior captains from its marine department to Boulogne to discover what had happened and to liaise with the French authorities.

According to its operating schedule, the ferry should have been back in Folkestone in time to sail again for Boulogne at 10 am, but did not arrive until about 1.20 pm. Passengers for the 10 am o'clock sailing were transferred to a ferry sailing from Dover.

The Hengist resumed normal operations with a 5 pm departure from Folkestone.

Another snooker drug test positive

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tion, by the international Olympic Committee and the Sports Council because of their widespread misuse.

The WPBSA do not ban beta-blockers, despite their probable help to a top class competitor, if he can produce a doctor's prescription. Paul Hatherell, the tournament director of the WPBSA, agreed that the controversy had helped to "focus the WPBSA's board's mind on the problem".

"I do not know if the board will move from the policy of allowing competitors to play if they have a doctor's prescription for beta-blockers" he said. "Next month would be the earliest time that the Board could decide to alter the policy or change the list." But Mr Hatherell added that the WPBSA may seek the advice of Dr David Cowan of the Drug Control and Teaching Centre at King's College, London.

When asked if the WPBSA did not feel any pressure from other players to be more open by disclosing the names of those competitors who have been positive he replied: "No, not at all."

Of the ten-man board seven are players including the chairman, Rex Williams, who has already admitted to taking beta-blockers for many years for a heart condition. Among the three non-playing members is Barry Hearn, the manager of Foulds and several other leading players, including Steve Davis. He described the news of Foulds' condition as a "colossal shock".

So far eight players have undergone tests at the world championship. None has yet been analysed. Tests are carried out on between 12 and 15 per cent of the matches.

● The use of beta-blockers by Foulds was "tantamount to cheating", an MP said last night (Sheila Gunn writes).

Mr Colin Moynihan, Conservative MP for Lewisham East, a former Olympic rowing medallist, is to urge the Government to stop support to the Sports Council unless competitors found to have taken drugs are banned from official contests.

He also urged Foulds to withdraw from competitions.

Curbs on reporting overturned

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courts. It remains to be seen how Pretoria will react.

● **Three killed:** Three men suspected of being African National Congress (ANC) "terrorists" were killed early yesterday morning in a gunfight with security forces in the black township of Umlazi, south of Durban, the police reported.

A police riot squad, acting on a tip-off, surrounded a house in the township and exchanged fire with the occupants. Three policemen were injured, one shot in the head with a round from an AK 47 rifle and two hit by handgrenade shrapnel.

Two black women surrendered to the police just before the start of the shooting, which set the house alight. The police said they later found three men dead in the house.

●JOHANNESBURG: South Africa is holding 1,424 children between the ages of 12 and 18 without trial under the state of emergency, a senior police officer disclosed yesterday.

Boost for Alliance case on air time

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Liberal-Social Democrat Alliance was given a big pre-election boost yesterday when the broadcasting authorities recommended that it should be given equal air time with the Conservative and Labour parties at the next general election.

The proposal, made in letters to the committee on party political broadcasting from Mr John Whitney, Director-General of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, and Mr Michael Checkland, Director-General of the BBC, could lead to a fierce dispute in the committee if it is resisted by the two main parties.

The broadcasters recommended that the Alliance should, like the other parties, be able to have five television broadcasts during the campaign, four broadcasts on Radio 4 and three broadcasts on Radio 2. The arrangement would, if agreed to, also set the pattern for equal news coverage in the election.

It is the first time there has been a recommendation that the Alliance have equal treatment. At the last election it fought proposals that the broadcasts should be allocated on a ratio of 5-5-4, saying this was unfair to the Alliance. When the committee failed to reach an agreement the broadcasters used their power to impose the 5-5-4 settlement.

But this time they have taken account of the Alliance share of the vote at the last election and its strong progress in parliamentary by-elections since 1983.

Although a row seems likely, the move presents a dilemma for Labour. If they create too much of furore they risk handing a propaganda weapon to the Alliance and, in any case, the broadcasters could still impose the recommendation.

The proposal will be discussed by the committee, headed by the Commons Leader Mr John Biffen, if either of the main parties register their opposition.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said last night: "This proposal confirms the position of the Alliance as an equal challenger for the Government of Britain."

Kidnap attempt foiled

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A kidnap attempt collapsed yesterday after the abductors obligingly passed on a telephone number where the family of their victim, a baker aged 25, could reach them.

An undercover police operation involving 50 detectives traced the telephone box the men were using and then uncovered the address at which the victim was being kept. He was freed yesterday and two men were last night being questioned.

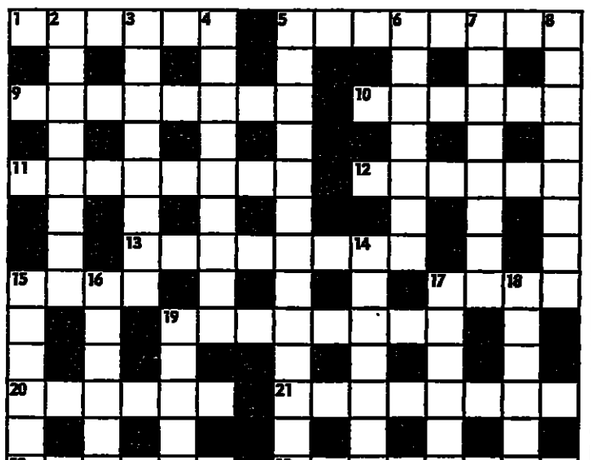
Mr Michael Varone was seized on Thursday in Peterborough, where he lives. The family contacted the police.

Protected by a news blackout, police traced the source of the calls to a telephone box in Scunthorpe, Humberside. Cambridgeshire and Humberside police began a joint operation aided by detectives from two regional crime squads.

Last night a Cambridgeshire police spokesman said Mr Varone had been beaten up, but was not badly injured. Humberside police said they were seeking a third man.

Assistant Chief Constable Keith Povey said "the kidnap was not perhaps as sophisticated as one might have expected".

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,340



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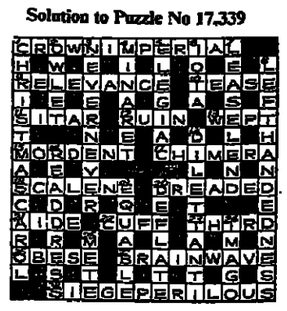
1 Put an end to spirit (6).
5 Staff officer finds child when Mum comes in (5,3).
9 Put off outside the Jug and Bottle (8).
10 Artist giving prize back (6).
11 Pictures on walls of recess got damaged (8).
12 Flirted with mother approaching Slough (6).
13 Policy and money buried by Irishman with criminal record (8).
15 Return toys showing a blemish (4).
17 Lacking a name once in a while (4).
19 Ruin cheat — start . . . (8).
20 . . . by protecting jilted girl's dignity (6).
21 Neat, I'll say (8).
22 Stop listening and make love! (6).
23 This protects the ankle when footballer takes kick (4-4).
24 Variety of alder, one shrub with flowers (8).
25 Heads you invented, tails we all invented sales returns (6).

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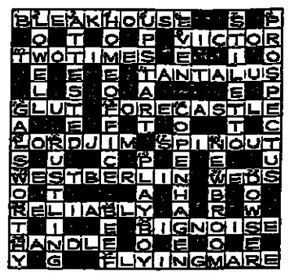
2 Encourages good health at university (6,2).
3 Patterns varied in one part of church (8).
4 A can of worms might well be 12 (3,6).
5 Like people who cook fish for tea with bread (5,2,1,7).
6 Contemptuous words — 21's associate includes them in vulgar speech (7).
7 American writer, it's said, may . . . (8).
8 . . . refuse to reduce volume (4,4).
14 Drop the odd units — see about a number (9).
15 Black and gold cocked hat (8).
16 Ancient academic institutions have neat tie (8).
17 Trouble over run to third man, say. Appealing? (8).
18 Where label may be set down (2,6).
19 Disorder I cannot keep in check (7).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,339



Solution to Puzzle No 17,334



A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

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WEATHER

Most of England, Wales and Northern Ireland will have another very warm, dry day. The sunshine will be less powerful than yesterday with high cloud, particularly in the south. Scotland will be cooler and rather cloudy. Some drizzle in the north-west. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Most parts will be dry and bright with some sunshine. Thundery showers in the south at first.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	19	66	Madrid	c	15	59
Akrotiri	r	18	64	Majorca	c	20	68
Algiers	s	31	88	Malta	s	20	68
Amst'dm	s	21	70	Melb'rne	s	17	63
Athens	s	15	59	Mexico C*	f	21	70
Barbuda*	f	31	88	Milan	s	19	66
Barcelna	f	17	63	Montreal*	c	15	59
Bermuda*	r	21	70	Naples	s	18	64
Biarritz	c	20	68	N Delhi	c	34	93
Borde'x	c	18	64	N York*	c	10	50
Brussels	s	22	72	Nice	s	17	63
Budapst	s	17	63	Oslo	c	15	59
B Aires*	s	25	77	Paris	s	23	73
Cairo	f	24	75	Peking	r	11	52
Cape Tn	s	21	70	Perth	r	25	77
C'blanca	f	19	66	Prague	s	17	63
Ch'church	f	11	52	Rhodes	s	18	64
Cologne	s	22	72	Rio de J	f	25	77
C'phagn	s	15	59	Riyadh	s	37	99
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Dublin	s	14	57	Salzburg	s	19	66
Dubrovnik	s	17	63	S F'isco*	f	15	59
Faro	s	18	64	Santiago*	s	26	79
Florence	s	22	72	S Paulo*	c	27	81
Frankfurt	s	21	70	Seoul	s	17	63
Geneva	s	19	66	St'kholm	f	13	55
Gibraltar	s	20	68	Straeb'rg	s	21	70
Helsinki	c	10	50	Sydney	c	18	64
Hong K	f	29	84	Tangier	s	18	64
Istanbul	f	11	52	Tenerife	s	17	63
Jeddah	s	35	95	Tokyo	s	21	70
Jo'burg*	s	25	77	Toronto*	c	15	59
Karachi	s	37	99	Tunis	f	20	68
L Palmas	f	21	70	Valencia	f	19	66
Lisbon	f	18	64	Venice	s	17	63
Locarno	s	19	66	Vienna	f	15	59
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				Wel'ton	s	11	52
				Zurich	s	20	68

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	10.2	-	17	63	sunny
Bridlington	9.9	-	12	54	sunny
Lowestoft	11.8	-	14	57	sunny
Clacton	11.2	-	13	55	sunny
Margate	*	-	18	66	sunny
Folkestone	11.4	-	18	64	sunny
Hastings	12.1	-	19	66	sunny
Eastbourne	13.4	-	15	59	sunny
Brighton	11.5	-	17	63	sunny
Worthing	12.5	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor R	12.5	-	15	59	sunny
Southsea	12.8	-	15	59	sunny
Sandown	12.8	-	*	*	sunny
Shanklin	12.4	-	15	59	sunny
Poole	12.3	-	18	64	sunny
Weymouth	12.6	-	16	61	sunny
Exmouth	12.0	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	11.9	-	16	61	sunny
Falmouth	*	-	14	57	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.0	-	16	61	sunny
Jersey	13.0	-	22	72	sunny
Guernsey	13.4	-	19	66	sunny
Newquay	11.7	-	18	64	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	-	20	68	sunny
Morecambe	10.9	-	18	64	sunny
Douglas	7.9	-	15	59	sunny
B'ham Airpt	10.3	-	20	68	sunny
Carlisle	9.7	-	17	63	sunny
London	11.5	-	22	72	sunny
Manchester	11.0	-	19	66	sunny
Anglesey	9.1	-	17	63	sunny
Cardiff (Cst)	12.5	-	19	66	sunny
Colwyn Bay	12.9	-	15	59	sunny
Aberdeen	5.8	-	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	1.1	-	17	63	bright
Glasgow	0.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Kinloss	3.0	-	17	63	bright
Lerwick	1.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Prestwick	0.5	-	15	59	bright
Stornoway	0.4	-	11	52	bright
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Wick	5.8	-	15	59	sunny

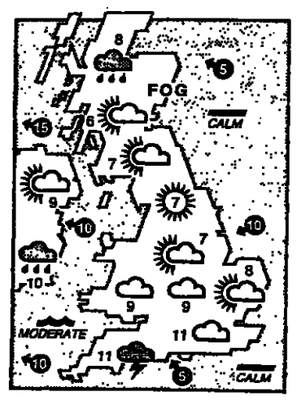
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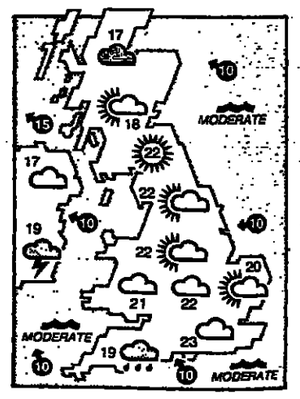
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.22	6.4	1.03	7.0	London Bridge	1.21	6.8	1.55	7.2
Aberdeen	12.20	3.8	12.22	3.9	Aberdeen	1.04	3.9	1.05	4.1
Avonmouth	6.09	12.1	6.37	12.2	Avonmouth	6.58	12.7	7.22	12.8
Belfast	10.04	3.3	10.35	3.1	Belfast	10.48	3.3	11.13	3.2
Cardiff	5.54	11.2	6.22	11.3	Cardiff	6.43	11.7	7.07	11.8
Devonport	4.50	5.1	5.22	5.1	Devonport	5.39	5.4	6.04	5.3
Dover	10.21	8.0	10.31	8.2	Dover	10.58	8.2	11.09	8.4
Falmouth	4.20	4.9	4.52	4.9	Falmouth	5.09	5.2	5.34	5.1
Glasgow	11.54	4.5	—	—	Glasgow	12.26	4.2	12.39	4.6
Harwich	10.57	3.7	11.10	3.8	Harwich	11.45	3.8	11.57	3.7
Holyhead	9.19	5.3	9.54	5.1	Holyhead	10.01	5.4	10.29	5.3
Hull	5.33	6.7	5.26	7.0	Hull	6.15	7.0	6.06	7.3
Ilfracombe	4.57	8.4	5.24	8.3	Ilfracombe	5.44	8.8	6.05	8.7
Leith	1.28	5.2	1.43	5.3	Leith	2.15	5.3	2.27	5.5
Liverpool	10.14	8.8	10.46	8.8	Liverpool	11.00	9.2	11.27	9.0
Lowestoft	8.51	2.2	8.24	2.3	Lowestoft	9.32	2.2	9.13	2.4
Margate	11.21	4.5	11.20	4.5	Margate	—	—	12.11	4.6
Milford Haven	5.12	6.5	5.40	6.4	Milford Haven	5.58	6.8	6.20	6.7
Newquay	4.06	6.5	4.33	6.5	Newquay	4.51	6.8	5.12	6.7
Oban	8.06	3.7	5.34	3.4	Oban	5.41	3.9	6.04	3.6
Penzance	3.54	5.2	4.24	5.2	Penzance	4.39	5.5	5.03	5.4
Portland	5.35	1.9	6.22	1.8	Portland	6.33	2.0	7.15	1.9
Portsmouth	10.25	4.2	10.57	4.5	Portsmouth	11.08	4.4	11.26	4.7
Shoreham	10.20	5.7	10.44	6.0	Shoreham	11.01	5.9	11.23	6.2
Southampton	9.56	4.2	10.27	4.5	Southampton	10.39	4.3	11.04	4.6
Swansea	5.21	8.7	5.49	8.7	Swansea	6.06	9.2	6.30	9.2
Tees	2.49	4.8	2.52	5.0	Tees	3.32	5.1	3.36	5.3
W'ton-on-Nze	10.52	3.9	11.03	3.8	W'ton-on-Nze	11.38	4.0	11.47	4.0

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY

London 8.43 pm to 5.13 am
Bristol 8.53 pm to 5.23 am
Edinburgh 9.09 pm to 5.12 am
Manchester 8.57 pm to 5.16 am
Penzance 9.01 pm to 5.39 am

TOMORROW

London 8.45 pm to 5.11 am
Bristol 8.54 pm to 5.21 am
Edinburgh 9.11 pm to 5.10 am
Manchester 8.59 pm to 5.14 am
Penzance 9.03 pm to 5.37 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 22(72F); lowest day max: Nest Point, Skye 10C (50F); highest rainfall, Fife Ness, Fife 0.03in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, 13.4hr.

YESTERDAY

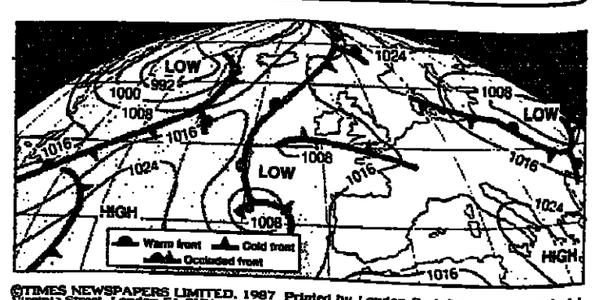
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		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	17	63	Guernsey	s	17	63
B'mingham	s	20	68	Inverness	c	13	55
Blackpool	s	19	66	Jersey	f	20	68
Bristol	s	21	70	London	s	21	70
Cardiff	s	18	64	M'chester	s	20	68
Edinburgh	s	13	55	Newcastle	s	19	66
Glasgow	s	16	61	R'aldsway	s	13	55

TODAY — Sun rises: 5.45 am — Sun sets: 8.13 pm — Moon rises: 4.58 am — Moon sets: 5.19 pm — New Moon April 28

TOMORROW — Sun rises: 5.43 am — Sun sets: 8.15 pm — Moon rises: 5.07 am — Moon sets: 6.39 pm — New Moon April 28

NOON TODAY



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FT 30 Share
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FT-SE 100
2001.5 (+33.2)

Bargains
52144 (38943)

USM (Datastream)
163.04 (+0.52)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6545 (+0.0190)

W German mark
2.9591 (–0.0102)

Trade-weighted
72.7 (+0.2)

Tokyo budget boosts growth

Nakasone retreats from tax reforms

From David Watts, Tokyo

The passage of the Japanese budget through the Diet after almost two months' delay means that Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, will go to Washington next week with a package to stimulate the economy but with doubts hanging over his future.

The price of pushing the budget through despite obstruction from the opposition was a commitment by the government to modify its tax reform proposals, effectively shelving them for the present.

There is now little prospect of the bill's introduction during the current session of the Diet, which ends on May 27.

Mr Nakasone accepted a compromise offered by Mr Kenzaburo Hara, the house president, to pass the budget so that he can use the bill to counter US charges that Japan is doing nothing to boost its sluggish economy and imports.

Mr Hara is to appoint a bipartisan council to consider revising the tax system. He also agreed verbally that the sales tax would be scrapped should the council fail to agree on how to implement it.

The ruling Liberal Democratic party yesterday put the finishing touches to a demand stimulation package of Y5 trillion (£21 billion) which Mr Nakasone will take to Washington on Wednesday.

It will have a familiar formula: the front-loading of public works with as much as 80 per cent of the year's expenditure being made in the first six months after its introduction.

The balance of the public works expenditure will be accommodated in a supplementary budget the government hopes will be approved in early summer or autumn.

The LDP plan will be the basis for a government package of pump-priming measures expected to be unveiled next month.

The LDP said that Japan should do more to reduce its trade surplus. Its plan is expected to help increase economic growth led by domestic demand, officials said.

The government was also urged to review the ceiling on budgetary requests for investment purposes in 1988-89.

Top profits 25

The government has imposed a 5 per cent cut in investment outlays in the past five years in line with Mr Nakasone's avowed policy of fiscal reforms.

The plan wants Japan to promote government purchases of foreign goods and private sector imports of manufactured goods by improving import financing, and to make clear official procurement procedures for foreign supercomputers.

The LDP said also that Japan should double its official development assistance to $7.6 billion (£4.75 billion) in five years instead of seven years as had been promised.

The government was urged to work out a programme to recycle funds from Japan's trade surpluses to debt-ridden countries.

The officials said these funds would include those from the private sector and others provided through the government Export-Import Bank of Japan and Japan's Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund.

The plan also calls for the government to take steps to help development in the Third World.

The LDP seeks adequate and flexible management of monetary policy, such as a cut in interest rates on deposits with the Finance Ministry's Trust Fund, and a tax cut to promote plant and equipment investment.

● Japan's vehicle production fell 1.2 per cent to 12.27 million in the year to end March compared with 1985-86 – the first year-on-year drop since 1982-83. The reason was mainly the yen's rise against the dollar, according to the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association.

Output in 1986-87 was 7.82 million cars, up 0.8 per cent from a year earlier; 4.40 million trucks, down 4 per cent; and 43,064 buses, down 36.4 per cent.

Motorcycle output fell 31.8 per cent in 1986-87 to 3.07 million.



Sir John Read in Glasgow yesterday: profit growth will be checked in the short term

TSB Group plans to invest further in the South-east

By William Peakin

Sir John Read, the chairman of the TSB Group, told shareholders yesterday that it intends to invest more money in the South-east of England.

Sir John, speaking at the first shareholders' annual meeting in the Scottish Exhibition Centre in Glasgow, said that the group was underrepresented there and that it was one way of using the money raised by last year's stock market flotation.

He told the meeting that the group, now an integrated financial services network trading through eight subsidiaries, had already spent £95 million on capital expenditure and £80 million on repaying loans, but that still left a substantial amount for new developments.

The two main opportunities arose in the South-east and in lending, both in the personal and business sectors.

Sir John said: "The recent fall in interest rates has been beneficial because a high proportion of our assets are invested in fixed rate loans and government stocks, which helps to maintain our income when rates fall, whereas the interest rate on most of our deposits varies with market rates,and has therefore already fallen."

He said that there would be an announcement on June 25, of its results for the 23-week period to April 30, and the interim dividend, which will be paid in October, will be declared at that time.

"I must stress that the financial markets are very competitive and are holding margins down. We continue to spend and invest for the future, which checks our profit growth in the short term.

"In addition, as we have changed our year end from November 20 to October 31, the first half year results will cover a period 20 days shorter than normal," he added.

The group's operating profit before tax last year was £205.6 million, an increase of 21.4 per cent. The profit after taxation attributable to shareholders was £131.8 million and earnings per share were 14p.

Advances to customers were £5.13 billion an increase of just over 10 per cent on 1985. Total assets for the group were £13.2 billion in 1986, a rise of 14.8 per cent.

Woman denies insider leak

By Lawrence Lever

The Government's investigation into civil servant insider dealing has hit another stumbling block with a key witness failing for the second time to attend an interview with the Department of Trade inspectors in charge of the case.

And in another development solicitors acting for the junior official suspected of having passed on inside information about takeovers, said yesterday that she maintains her innocence and is hoping for the inquiry to be concluded soon.

The key witness, Mr Jonathan Greenwood, aged 28, a City share dealer, left for Israel shortly after the investigation began last December. He has not returned since.

Inspectors believe Mr Greenwood's sister, a secretary at the Office of Fair Trading, leaked information about takeover referrals to him. She worked in the mergers department of the OFT but has been transferred to another OFT department and given "gardening leave" – a civil service treatment akin to suspension on full pay.

The inspectors suspect that Mr Greenwood was a member of an insider dealing ring which effected share deals worth more than £10 million on the basis of information leaked by his sister. Mr Greenwood has denied this.

The inspectors suspect also that there might be a second dealing ring which received information from another Crown servant.

Mr Greenwood's solicitor said yesterday that he did not turn up for an appointment with the inspectors on March 10 – "and I haven't heard from him for a long time" he said.

Soliticors for Mr Greenwood's sister said:"Our client confirms that she is innocent of all of the allegations made against her. " She will continue to co-operate with the inspectors.

The insider dealing investigation is proving something of an embarassment for the Government – taking far longer than was originally anticipated.

Approximately ten days after Mr Greenwood failed to keep the second appointment, the DTI inspectors initiated proceedings against Mr Jeremy Warner, a journalist who had been refusing to disclose the sources of two articles he had written on takeovers.

The High court ruled that Mr Warner was justified in his refusal. The inspectors' appeal has been heard by the Court of Appeal and a decision is expected soon.

Jobs for 10,000 at Tesco

Tesco, the supermarket chain, announced yesterday that it is spending £500 million over the next two years to open 29 superstores. These will create employement for more than 10,000 people – each superstore providing an average of 350 full and part-time jobs.

The announcement is a precursor to the company's year-end results next week. Tesco is also in a takeover battle, attempting to win control of the Hillards, the Yorkshire supermarket chain.

Tesco's two-year development programme will increase its net sales area by more than a million square feet and take its new store investment during the past five years to more than £1 billion.

Reject offer, Norcros tells shareholders

Norcros, the building group, yesterday said it was not concerned about its share price falling if the takeover bid from Williams Holdings collapsed.

Mr Ken Roberts, the chairman, pressed shareholders to reject the offer and said Williams had asked – in view of the 39 per cent increase since the last dealing day before bid rumours started – where the Norcros price would be if its bid was turned down.

Mr Roberts said: "Norcros has forecast an increase in earnings per share of 50 per cent and in dividends of 51 per cent. There is no doubt these excellent figures will continue."

Halifax to stay selling insurance as broker

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Halifax, Britain's largest building society, has decided to continue selling the insurance products of other companies as an independent broker after the Government's decision to uphold the principle of polarization.

This is central to the new rules introduced by the Securities and Investments Board.

The decision means that the society will not be able to sell its own personal pension plans through more than 700 branches nationwide, because polarization means that institutions cannot act as brokers for other companies and sell their own products simultaneously.

The Halifax, whose decision is likely to be followed by other large societies, said that if it sold its own personal pension schemes through its branches it would be forced to stop selling endowment life assurance policies linked to mortgages.

All building societies earn substantial fees through selling the endowment policies of insurance companies through their branches.

The Halifax, however, did not rule out offering personal pensions through post and even doorstep selling, though it would only use these methods reluctantly. Under the SIB rules, societies may also offer through their branches personal pensions linked solely to their deposits.

Most high street banks, which are also affected by polarization, have yet to make decisions. Banks are in a different position because, unlike building societies, they are allowed to underwrite their own insurance products.

Barclays Bank has not decided but is expected to opt for selling only its own unit trust and insurance products through its branches, while the Trustee Savings Bank has already decided to take this route.

Both banks underwrite their own insurance products which they sell through their branches, and conduct insurance broking operations through which to offer the products of other companies. Lloyds may also choose this route.

National Westminster, however, may choose to become an independent intermediary for insurance products through its branches.

Elders 'could go to UK'

From Richard Batfley
Sydney

Elders IXL, Australia's sixth biggest company, would move its head office to London if faced with unsatisfactory company taxation in Australia, its chief executive, Mr John Elliott, said yesterday.

"Our shareholders would be much better off," he said.

Mr Elliott believed taxation laws – governing dividends, holding tax and the offshore tax credit system – to be enacted shortly would create the "unsatisfactory situation."

His company, which has diverse local and overseas interests in brewing (Foster's and Courage are two of its beers), finance, trade, resources and the pastoral industry, was quite happy to stay in Australia under present taxation laws.

Under the imminent laws, however, he said it would be a huge disadvantage to be a shareholder in an Australian-based company with overseas earnings.

"We are a major international company with more than 50,000 shareholders and 35,000 employees," he said. "We have very big responsibilities and we do want to raise money overseas, and we do want to attract investment from overseas.

"If government policies make it less favourable to do so, we have to move to countries like Britain. It's the most likely place where we would be domiciled."

Profits setback at steak house chain

By Cliff Feltham

Aberdeen Steak Houses, the London restaurant chain hit by the resignation of its brokers and the loss of two non-executive directors, suffered a sharp setback in trading last year.

Pretax profits dipped from £813,000 to £605,000, still flattered by the inclusion of £265,000 profit from the sale of branches. Turnover was up from £8.9 million to £10.3 million and the final dividend is maintained at 1.2p a share.

The shares, placed on the Unlisted Securities Market in 1985 at 67p, dropped 7p yesterday to 55p.

The company has had a difficult time, losing its broker, Fiske and Company, and two directors after a High Court ruling that it had been underpaying staff.

Aberdeen is controlled by Mr Ali Salih, the chairman, who owned the London Eating Houses group, which went into liquidation in 1975

Last night Mr Salih said trading last year had been hit by the fall in tourism but he was expecting a great improvement this year.

He said arrangements had been made for the contingent liabilities in respect of still outstanding claims for back-pay by staff. "That is all taken care of," he said, without disclosing any figures. Unofficial estimates suggest the sums could be up to £200,000.

Ecobric chief goes as Marler takes a stake

Mr Michael Eaton, who emerged as the spokesman for the National Coal Board during the miners' strike, has resigned as the chief executive of the troubled demolition group Ecobric following a rescue package agreed with Marler Estates, the property developer.

Marler is taking a 64 per cent stake in Ecobric as part of a £3.1 million refinancing package. Ecobric, which made headline news when a planned televised demolition of a tower block in East London ended in failure, halted trading in its shares last November, after hitting cash problems. Yesterday it reported a loss for the year of £2 million.

Mr Eaton was brought in to examine areas of expansion for the company but has left following the deal with Marler.

Mr Ronnie Aitken, the Ecobric chairman, said: "It was a very harmonious departure. There will be no compensation."



Michael Eaton: departure is harmonious

New company to lead world in medical electronics

GEC and Philips agree joint venture

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The General Electric Company of Britain and Philips of Holland, both electrical and electronics manufacturers, have reached agreement on establishing a jointly-owned company which, measured by sales, will be the largest medical electronics company in the world.

The new company will be just ahead of the medical electronics operation of General Electric of the United States, according to Britain's GEC, with a turnover of £1.2 billion.

It will combine the Philips medical systems division, based in Holland with £845.5 million in annual sales, and GEC's Picker International subsidiary in Cleveland, Ohio.

With Picker contributing just under a third of the turnover, GEC will make a "substantial" additional investment in the new company to bring its share up to 50 per cent.

The final arithmetic on this has not been worked out because the Philips operation has to be fully separated financially from the Philips empire.

It looks, however, as if GEC will be pouring in somewhere between $150 million (£92 million) and $200 million from its £1.6 billion cash mountain.

The headquarters of the new company, whose medical diagnostic range will include the latest generation of body scanners, will be in the United States.

The management will be headed by a chief executive to be agreed between GEC and Philips.

Philips, however, is the larger operation and will nominate the head. It is expected that the choice will be from the bigger Philips executive team.

The board will consist of equal representation from the two participating companies and the first non-executive chairman looks likely to come from the GEC ranks.

Yesterday's announcement on the agreement said: "Philips and GEC believe that natural synergies exist between their medical systems activities. Both companies are of the opinion that combining their strengths will enable the joint company to meet the ever-increasing demands on resources for research, development and investment."

The demands arose because of the rapidity of medical and technological innovation which also intensified competition in the world market.

The statement said also: "The new company will be a vigorous competitor in all the important areas in the world with matching distribution networks."

Mr Malcolm Bates, the deputy chairman at GEC, said: "Half the sales will be in the United States and half in the rest of the world, which will be a better balance for GEC. With the high cost of research and development, it is an opportunity to spread that over a larger base of sales.

"We could expect some savings to arise but that is not a question of jobs. With expansion they should grow in number. It will give a technological edge, that something extra."

Two-thirds of the 6,000 Picker workforce are in the US. The Philips operation employs 11,000 people, of which 8,500 are in Europe. Philips manufactures in six countries, including the making of linear accelerators in Britain.

GEC's British production includes mobile X-ray machines and hardware for body scanners.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2259.38 (–21.59)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	24006.37 (–18.24)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2707.61 (–12.28)
Amsterdam: Gen	284.0 (–2.4)
Sydney: AO	1776.4 (+33.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1803.7 (–23.1)
Brussels:	
General	4620.63 (+42.83)
Paris: CAC	n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen	530.60 (–1.40)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	91.62 (+0.61)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank 9 11/16-9 5/16%
3-month eligible bills:9 3/8-9 11/32% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6 15/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.73-5.72%*
30-year bonds 87 27/32-87 5/8*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6545	£: $1.6555*
£: DM2.9591	$: DM1.7910*
£: SwFr2.4147	$: SwFr1.4625*
£: FFr9.8567	$: FFr5.9730*
£: Yen231.22	$: Yen139.62*
£: Index:72.7	$: Index:100.1
ECU £0.701783	SDR £0.792173

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

British Telecom	279p (+20p)
RTZ	953p (+29p)
GUS 'A'	1259p (+59p)
Bass	898p (+17p)
Argyll Group	419p (+19p)
Steetley	572p (+12p)
Blue Circle	825p (+20p)
Tarmac	512p (+20p)
Hawker Siddeley	502p (+16p)
Appleyard Group	251p (+13p)
Tate & Lyle	738p (+17p)
Redfearn Glass	568p (+16p)
Ault & Wiborg	260p (+15p)
Hestair	236p (+21p)
Rosehaugh	813p (+28p)
Johnson Jorgensen	230p (+15p)

FALLS:

Wordplex Inform.	141p (–12p)
J Halstead	200p (–13p)
Chrysalis Group	245p (–10p)
Associated Book	2671p (–14p)

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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $462.60 pm-$462.20
close $464.50-465.50 (£280.50-281.25)
New York:
Comex $463.90-464.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $17.90bbl ($17.80)
* Denotes latest trading price

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STOCK MARKET

Share values soar by £5bn

By Michael Clark

Share prices ended the long three-week Easter account on a high note yesterday as the scent of cheaper money again wafted through the market.

More than £5 billion was added to the value of quoted shares as overseas investors and the big fund managers went on another big spending spree. Most of their attention was focused on the leaders which enabled the FT 30 share index to finish up 25.7 points at 1,580.9. The broader based FT-SE 100 index also joined in the fun crossing the 2,000 level again. It closed 33.2 up at 2,001.5.

● Harris Queensway, the carpet and furniture group, jumped 10p to 215p on talk that Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, is particularly excited about prospects for the recently acquired Hamleys. Scrimgeour is said to have raised its estimate of pretax profits for the current year to £62.5 million.

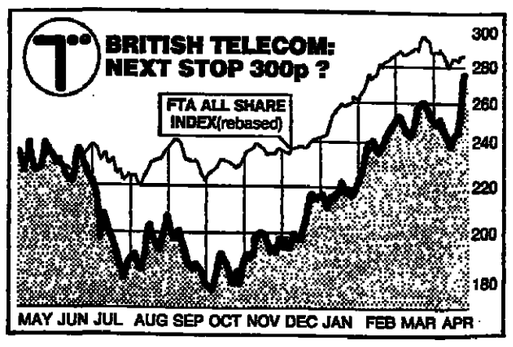
Marketmen are looking for another early cut in bank base rates ahead of next month's local government elections. This prompted renewed support for consumer stocks with solid gains for stores, breweries and builders, all of which are expected to benefit from cheaper money.

The expectation was heightened by a softening of rates on the money market and government securities scored gains stretching to £1 at the longer end.

As a result, investors were able to shrug off a disappointing start to trading on Wall Street where the talk is of an imminent rise in prime rates. Next week's bond auction in New York is expected to be given the cold shoulder by Japanese investors deterred by trade sanctions from converting their yen holdings into a falling dollar. This is expected to increase pressure on the US interest rates.

Some dealers in London were expressing concern about this possible turn of events and were worried that the London market's present bout of euphoria could prove short-lived.

But this was all forgotten yesterday with most investors now bracing themselves for a June general election. The Government's strong showing in the opinion polls has given them renewed confidence. One leading broker commented: "With a Conservative victory apparently on the cards, most investors are hoping to cash in ahead of the event."



British Telecom was again quick to benefit from growing hopes of a Conservative victory at the polls as the price jumped 17p to a new high of 276p. The shares were being tipped as a "chart buy" at the 268p level and now dealers reckon that with the return of American and Japanese support the price could soon hit 300p.

There was solid support for the high street retailers helped by bullish comments from the stores team at Warburg Securities. On Thursday, Warburg was telling clients that the sector could rise by at least 10 per cent over the next few weeks, having underperformed by 20 per cent over the past 18 months. It expects the stores sector to be a "major beneficiary" of any cut in interest rates and a Conservative election victory. Yesterday's surge went a long way to confirming Warburg's theory.

Among the companies said to be at the top of its shopping list is **Burton Group**, up 13p to at 298p. Next 16p to 342p, **Ward White** 19p to 354p and **Storehouse** 10p to 310p.

Warburg has also upgraded **Marks and Spencer** from a "hold" to an "add" and is looking for pretax profits next month of £410 million compared with £365 million last time. Other brokers expect M&S to do even better despite a whole series of downgradings which dented the performance of the share price last year.

Elsewhere among the retailers, **Great Universal Stores** "A" stood out with a leap of 65p to £12.65, along with **John Menzies** 8p to 380p, **Dixons** 13p to 389p, **Freemans** 23p to 450p and **Ratners** 9p to 375p.

The brewers continued to make the most of the sunny spell which will be good news for clients of Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, which has been a big buyer of the drinks sector over the past week. Yesterday Grieveson was joined by its rival, James Capel. **Allied Lyons** finished 10p up at 391p, **Grand Metropolitan**, the Watney Mann and Truman drinks group, 7p to 482p, **Scottish & Newcastle** 9p to 235p and **Whitbread** "A" 16p to 333p. **Bass** finally broke through the £9 level with a rise 11p to 902p.

● FRANKFURT: Share prices on the Frankfurt stock exchange closed sharply lower in thin dealings yesterday as a sudden dollar drop rekindled market worries about the impact of the weak US currency on the West German export industry. The Commerzbank index slid 23.1 to close at 1803.7.

● HONG KONG: Share prices closed lower in moderate trading, with the Hang Seng index finishing down 12.28 at 2,707.61.

WALL STREET

Shares follow fall in the dollar and bonds

New York (Reuter) – The burden of a sharply lower dollar and the subsequent slide in bond prices pushed Wall Street shares lower in active, early trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 16 points to 2,264 at one stage, later moderated its loss to 5.69 at 2,275.28 when the transport indicator was down 3.88 at 925.39.

In the broader market, declining issues led advancing shares by a four-to-one margin when volume totalled about 22 million shares.

Traders said attention was focused on indications of a rise in interest rates and inflation, resulting in a jittery market.

	Apr 23	Apr 22		Apr 23	Apr 22		Apr 23	Apr 22
AMR Cp	54¼	54¼	Firestone	35¾	36¼	Pepsico	32⅝	31¾
ASA	69¾	68¾	Fst Chicago	26¾	25¾	Pfizer	67¾	67¾
Astra Life	56¾	58¾	Fst Int Bnkp	54½	54½	Phelps Dod	30½	30¾
Allied Signal	44	45¾	Fst Penn C	10¾	10¾	Philip Mor	85¾	86¾
Alls Chalm	2⅝	2⅝	FT Wachva	39¾	40½	Philip Pet	15⅜	15¼
Alcoa	47¾	48¾	Ford Motor	85	84¾	Polaroid	73	74
Amax Inc	20¾	20	GAF Cp	48¾	49¼	Procl Gble	86¾	86¼
AMR Hess	33	33	GTE Cp	37	37¼	Pub Svc Eg	38¼	38
Am Brands	45¼	45	Gen Cp	115¾	116¾	Raytheon	77¾	77¾
Am Can	43¼	42¾	Gn Dynam	65¾	64¾	Rynlds Met	66¾	66¾
Am Cynmd	91½	92¼	Gen Elect	103½	104	Rockwell Int	28¾	27¾
Am Ele Pwr	27½	28	Gen Inst	32¾	33¼	Royal Dutch	119¾	118¾
Amex	66¾	67¾	Gen Mills	45¾	46¼	SFE Sopac	41¼	39¼
Am Home	84¾	82¾	Gen Motors	57¾	57¾	Sara Lee	45	45¼
Am Motors	4¾	4¼	Gen Pub Ut	23½	23¼	Schlumb	40½	40¾
Am Stand	41¼	41	Genesco	4½	4¼	Scott Pap	73¾	76
Am Telph	24¾	24¼	Georgia Pac	45¾	47¾	Seagram	72¼	73¾
Amoco Cp	83	88½	Gillette	58¾	59¾	Sears Roeb	53¾	53¾
Amco Steel	10¾	9¾	Goodrich	51¾	52¾	Shell Trans	75¾	74½
Asarco Inc	24¾	24	Goodyear	59¾	60¼	Singer	46	45¾
Ashland Oil	59¾	60¾	Gould Inc	17¼	17¼	Smithkln Bk	106½	106¼
Atl Richfld	84¾	84¼	Grace Cp	67¾	68¼	Sony Cp	18¾	19¾
Avon Prod	31¾	31¼	Grt Atl Pac	34¼	34¾	Sth Cal Ed	31	30¾
Bk Boston	30½	30¾	Greyhnd	34	34¼	SW Bell	106¾	106
Bank NY	40¾	39¾	Grumen	25¾	26¾	Std Oil	71¾	70½
Bankamer	11¾	11¾	Gulf & West	75½	78	Stwrt Drug	50¾	51¾
Bkrs Tst NY	43¾	41¾	Heinz	43¾	44¾	Stevens JP	43¾	44
Beth Steel	12¾	11¾	Hercules	56¾	58	Sun Comp	83¾	84¾
Boeing	49¾	49	Hewlett Pk	54	54¾	TRW Inc	100¾	101
Boise Casc	76¾	78	Honeywell	78¾	78½	Tektronix	316¾	317½
Borden	57¾	58¾	IC Ind	34¾	34¾	Tenneco	48¾	45¾
Borg Warnr	48¾	48¾	ITT Cp	56¾	56¾	Texaco	31¼	30¾
Brist Myer	98¾	99¾	INCO	16¾	16½	Tex Eastn	35¾	35½
BP	59	57½	Ingersoll	78	80¾	Tex Inst	192¾	191¼
Brunswick	41¾	43¾	Inland Steel	27¾	28¾	Tex Util	31¾	32¼
Burl Ind	54¾	54¾	IBM	153¾	154	Textron	62¾	63¾
Burl Nth	65¾	66¾	Int Paper	99¾	102¼	Travelers	45¼	45¾
CBS	166¾	169	Irving Bk	43¾	43	UAL Inc	70¾	71¾
CPC Int	48¾	49	Jhsn & Jhsn	88	87¾	USG	37¾	38
Csx Cp	30	30¼	K Mart Cp	80¾	80¾	USX Cp	29	29¾
Campbell Sp	67	68¼	Kaiser Alum	17	16¾	Unilever NV	265	265½
Can Pacific	17¾	18	Kerr McGee	33¾	34	Un Carbide	29¼	29¾
Caterpillar	47¾	47¾	Kimbl Clark	109	110	Un Pac Cp	70¾	70
Centrl SW	32½	32¾	Kraft	54	54½	Unisys Cp	116¾	116¾
Champion	37¾	38¼	Kroger	34	32¾	Utd Brands	43¾	44
Chase Man	35¾	34¾	LTV Cp	3¾	3¾	Utd Tech	46¾	45¾
Chem NY	41¾	40¾	Litton	67¾	67½	Unocal	38½	37¾
Chevron	58¾	57¾	Lockheed	46¾	48¾	Walter Jim	49¾	50¾
Chrysler	37¾	37¾	Lucky Str	30	30¾	Warn Lamb	68¾	70¾
Citicorp	51	49¾	Man H'over	42	40¾	Wells Far	45¾	46¼
Clark Eq	23	24	Manville	2¾	2¾	Westg El	62¾	62¾
Coca Cola	43¾	43¾	Marine Mid	61¾	61½	Weyerhsr	53¾	54¼
Colgate	43¾	43¾	Marine Mid	47¼	46	Whirlpool	37¼	37¼
Columb Gas	45¾	45¼	Mt Marietta	46¾	46½	Woolworth	49	49¾
Cmb'n Eng	34	34¾	Masco	33½	33¾	Xerox Cp	76¾	76¾
Cmwlth Ed	34¼	34¾	Mcdonalds	79¾	78¾	Zenith	26	26¾
Cons Edis	43	43¾	McDonnell	71¾	70¼			
Cn Nat Gas	40¾	40¾	Mead Cp	66¾	67¾			
Cons Pwr	18	17¾	Merck	152¼	152			
Cont Data	32¾	30¾	Minnsx Mng	127¾	126¾			
Corning Gl	62	62¾	Mobil	47¾	47¾			
Crane	40	40¼	Monsanto	84¾	86¼			
Curtiss Wrt	n.a	60¾	Morgan Jp	43	42¾			
Data Gen	29¾	30¾	Motorola	58	58¾			
Deere Co	27¾	27¾	NCR	70	71¾			
Delta Air	50¾	52	NL Indstrs	7¾	8¾			
Detroit Edi	15¾	16¾	Nat Distil	57¾	57¾			
Digital Eq	165¾	164¾	Nat Md Ent	27¾	27¼			
Disney	63¾	63¾	Nat Semi	14½	15¼			
Dow Chem	84¾	84¾	Norfolk Sth	30¾	30			
Dresr Ind	26¾	27	NW Bancrp	36¾	36½			
Dupont	113¾	113¾	Occid Pet	35¾	35¼			
Duke Pwr	44¾	44¾	Ogden Cp	62	64¾			
East Kodak	74¼	75¾	Olin Cp	49¾	50¾			
Eaton Cp	81¾	79¾	PPG Ind	81	81			
Emerson El	102¾	104¾	Pac Gas El	21¾	21¾			
Emery Air	12¾	12¾	Pan Am	4¾	4¼			
Exxon	88¾	87¾	Penney JC	95¾	96¼			
Fed Dpt Sts	94¼	94¾	Pennzoil	73¾	75¾			

● Cadbury Schweppes firmed 1p to 250p despite rumours that it may be about to test the rules on beneficial ownership of shares at next month's shareholders' meeting. There is talk that certain mystery holders, who may be sympathetic to General Cinema, may find their voting rights frozen.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 87	90.74	90.83	90.70	90.80	5128
Sep 87	91.05	91.17	91.05	91.14	1249
Dec 87	91.16	91.21	91.14	91.19	442
Mar 88	91.06	91.08	91.05	91.07	80
Jun 88	90.99	90.99	90.99	90.98	10
Sep 88	NT	—	—	90.81	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.78	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.58	0
Previous day's total open interest 25853					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	92.69	92.69	92.59	92.60	5061
Sep 87	92.24	92.25	92.12	92.12	3411
Dec 87	92.03	92.04	91.89	91.89	657
Mar 88	91.85	91.86	91.68	91.68	300
Jun 88	91.62	91.82	91.50	91.48	59
Sep 88	91.47	91.47	91.47	91.30	20
Dec 88	NT	—	—	91.12	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.98	0
Previous day's total open interest 27653					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	90-25	90-30	88-23	88-25	6840
Sep 87	NT	—	—	88-28	0
Previous day's total open interest 5337					
Short Gilt					
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	
Dec 87	NT	—	—	—	
Previous day's total open interest 0					
Long Gilt					
Jun 87	125-08	126-12	125-08	126-03	35028
Sep 87	125-26	125-26	125-26	126-03	1
Dec 87	NT	—	—	126-04	0
Previous day's total open interest 20672					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 87	199.95	202.50	199.95	202.05	1497
Sep 87	NT	—	—	206.55	0
Previous day's total open interest 4555					

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	3,000	English China	823	Rank Org	766
Amstrad	4,700	Fisons	795	Rank Hovis	700
Argyll	5,000	Gen Accident	1,200	Redland	1,500
ASDA-MFI	6,200	GEC	19,000	Reckitt Colman	195
Asa Br Foods	1,600	Glaxo	1,500	Reed Int	869
BET	705	Globe IT	2,500	Reuters	231
BTR	4,000	Granada	1,500	RMC Group	334
BAT	4,700	Grand Met	6,900	RTZ	2,900
Barclays	1,900	GUS 'A'	783	Rowntree	2,600
Bass	966	GRE	1,300	Royal B of Scot	1,100
Beecham	3,100	GKN	955	Royal Ins	1,000
Blue Circle	512	Guinness	9,600	Sainsbury (J)	643
BOC	682	Hanson	9,700	Sears	10,000
Boots	3,800	Hawker Siddeley	552	Sedgwick Gp	1,400
BPB Ind	345	Hillsdown	1,000	Shell	3,200
BPCC	357	Imp Chem Ind	3,500	Smith & Nephew	2,000
Br Aerospace	2,500	Imp Cont Gas	198	STC	4,700
Br Airways	4,700	Jaguar	3,100	Stan Chart	2,400
Bnt Comm	145	Ladbroke	1,300	Stonehouse	2,900
Br Gas	26,000	Land Securities	4,000	Sun Alliance	466
Br Petroleum	4,400	Legal & Gen	5,200	Tarmac	1,900
Br Telecom	28,000	Lloyds	5,000	TSB P/P	9,200
Bristol	5,500	Lonhro	761	Tesco	692
Bunzl	724	Marks & Spencer	8,400	Thorn EMI	3,900
Burton	4,900	MEPC	2,300	Trafalgar House	1,600
Cable & Wireless	3,500	Midland	3,600	Trusthouse Forte	1,200
Cadbury Schwep	3,000	Nat West	1,800	Unigate	1,600
Costa Viyella	1,500	P & O Dfrd	1,100	Unilever	460
Com Union	4,300	Pearson	1,400	Utd Biscuits	2,000
Cons Goldfields	1,600	Pilkington Bros	1,300	Wellcome	2,100
Cookson Gp	154	Plessey	2,400	Whitbread 'A'	2,900
Courtaulds	1,000	Prudential	799	Woolworth	2,000
Dee Corp	3,600	Racal Elect	6,600		
Dixons Gp	3,500	Stock prices on page 27			

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range April 24	Market rates close April 24	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6445-1.6550	1.6540-1.6550	0.42-0.39prem	1.07-1.02prem
Montreal	2.1905-2.2111	2.2093-2.2111	0.38-0.28prem	0.84-0.49prem
Ams'dam	3.3349-3.3456	3.3394-3.3456	1¾-1½prem	3¾-3¼prem
Brussels	61.20-61.46	61.33-61.45	17-10prem	45-34prem
C'phgen	11.1110-11.1976	11.1447-11.1679	¾-1dis	1¾-2¼dis
Dublin	1.1033-1.1127	1.1102-1.1072	10-15dis	24-41dis
Frankfurt	2.9572-2.9618	2.9574-2.9616	1¾-1¾prem	4¼-3¾prem
Lisbon	228.91-231.13	230.17-231.13	62-148dis	248-375dis
Madrid	206.70-207.72	207.43-207.72	83-100dis	265-300dis
Milan	2105.51-2119.40	2110.28-2114.86	1prem-1dis	2prem-3dis
Oslo	10.9958-11.0452	10.9958-11.0190	3¼-4¼dis	12¾-13¾dis
Paris	9.8532-9.8835	9.8549-9.8774	1¾-1¼prem	4¼-3¼prem
Sr'khlm	10.2839-10.3405	10.3228-10.3406	½prem-½dis	par-¾dis
Tokyo	229.65-231.13	230.75-231.13	1¾-1prem	3¾-3¼prem
Vienna	20.79-20.88	20.81-20.84	10-9¾prem	28½-25¾prem
Zurich	2.4120-2.4220	2.4172-2.4220	1¾-1½prem	3¾-3¼prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 72.7 (day's range 72.5-72.7).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.5319-2.5450
Australia dollar	2.3269-2.3301
Bahrain dinar	0.6175-0.6215
Brazil cruzado*	40.0119-40.2603
Cyprus pound	0.7740-0.7840
Finland marka	7.1890-7.2290
Greece drachma	217.50-219.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.8684-12.8779
India rupee	20.75-20.95
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4425-0.4465
Malaysia dollar	4.0820-4.0863
Mexico peso	1910.0-1960.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8270-2.8361
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.1525-6.2025
Singapore dollar	3.5050-3.5089
S Africa rand (fin)	5.1681-5.2534
S Africa rand (com)	3.2930-3.3015
U A E dirham	6.0330-6.0730
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4940-1.4960
Singapore	2.1230-2.1240
Malaysia	2.4710-2.4720
Australia	0.7090-0.7095
Canada	1.3325-1.3335
Sweden	6.2400-6.2500
Norway	6.6525-6.6625
Denmark	6.7475-6.7575
West Germany	1.7945-1.7960
Switzerland	1.4635-1.4650
Netherlands	2.0200-2.0210
France	5.9750-5.9860
Japan	139.85-139.95
Italy	1273.0-1281.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.19-37.24
Hong Kong	7.8000-7.8010
Portugal	139.75-140.25
Spain	124.90-125.00
Austria	12.56-12.58

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
450	180	Abelscot Group	380	410	n/c
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	28	31	n/c
125	110	Allied Insurance	115	125	n/c
60	36	Catalyst Comm	48	52	-2
68	24	Corton Beech	58	63	-2
195	121	Edenspring Inv	190	200	n/c
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	41	43	-2
41	8	Do. Warrants	30	32	n/c
31	17	Publishing Holdings	30	32	+1
57½	46	Theme Holdings	47	50	-1
133	114½	Unit Group	112	117	n/c

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Allied Lyons (*392)	360	43	55	65	9	15	18
	390	25	35	43	18	25	27
	420	11	19	30	35	38	42
British Gas (*98)	80	22	24½	—	1¼	2¼	—
	90	13⅜	17½	22	2¾	4¼	5¾
	100	6⅝	10½	14	6⅝	10	11
British Airways (*147)	130	19	24	—	5	9	—
	140	12½	19	26	9	13	14
	160	6	12	18	17	19	23
BP (*900)	850	95	125	145	23	35	45
	900	63	97	120	37	48	70
	950	37	63	—	68	78	—
Britoil (*242)	220	30	38	45	5¾	9	14
	240	18	26	33	15	21	25
	260	7¾	14½	25	28	34	37
Cons Gold (*983)	950	100	122	140	40	67	82
	1000	80	122	122	70	92	112
	1050	57	87	—	102	120	—
Courtaulds (*424)	380	70	84	—	2¾	7	—
	390	48	62	76	11	14	19
	420	30	44	56	22	26	29
	460	15	28	—	48	51	—
Com Union (*316)	300	30	43	51	9	15	18
	330	17	26	35	25	29	32
	360	8	16	—	50	54	—
Cable & Wire (*359)	300	72	—	—	4	—	—
	330	46	60	70	11	16	25
	360	28	38	50	22	30	37
	390	11	25	34	43	52	57
GEC (*202)	180	31	34	42	4	7	9
	200	16	23	28	11	16	18
	220	6	13	—	22	27	—
Grand Met (*482)	420	75	85	95	5	7	11
	460	44	58	65	11	22	25
	500	22	32	45	33	38	43
	550	7	17	—	75	78	—
ICI (*1283)	1200	122	150	180	24	40	55
	1250	85	122	150	43	57	75
	1300	58	95	125	65	80	95
	1350	50	75	—	97	110	—
Land Securities (*421)	360	64	73	82	5	7	9
	390	37	50	60	9	15	18
	420	17	29	41	17	30	35
Marks & Spen (*230)	200	33	41	49	3	6	9
	220	19	26	34	10	14	19
	240	8	15	—	22	24	—
Shell Trans (*1163)	1150	72	98	122	32	48	63
	1200	45	73	98	60	75	90
	1250	30	58	—	98	110	—
Trafalgar House (*337)	300	41	52	63	6	10	16
	330	21	31	41	15	24	32
	360	10	18	—	35	43	—
TSB (*83)	70	15	18½	—	1	2	—
	80	9	11⅛	13½	3½	4½	6
	90	4	7½	9	9	10½	11½
Woolworth (*828)	750	100	125	145	15	38	50
	800	58	80	110	40	65	70
	850	30	40	—	65	75	—

	Series	Jan Calls	Oct Calls	Jan Calls	Jun Puts	Oct Puts	Jan Puts
Bass (*902)	900	45	77	100	35	60	80
	950	17	50	80	70	100	115
	1000	7	30	55	110	130	143
GKN (*322)	280	48	54	—	3	7	—
	300	31	38	47	6	13	16
	330	14	20	31	18	23	26
	360	3	12	22	40	44	47
Jaguar (*596)	550	57	80	93	16	22	28
	600	32	48	60	35	40	47
	650	8	27	—	65	73	—

	Series	Jun Calls	Sep Calls	Dec Calls	Jun Puts	Sep Puts	Dec Puts
Amstrad (*185)	160	30	37	44	2	4	6
	180	17	25	32	6	12	16
	200	9	15	22	21	22	24
Beecham (*497)	460	52	67	80	15	22	30
	500	30	40	57	30	40	48
	550	11	22	37	68	72	77
	600	3	9	20	108	113	120
Boots (*267)	280	19	31	42	15	20	25
	300	10	19	28	25	29	34
	330	3	9	—	45	49	—
BTR (*312)	300	24	37	43	9	14	18
	330	10	21	27	27	30	32
	360	6	14	20	52	52	52
Blue Circle (*825)	700	115	130	150	2	6	15
	750	63	90	112	6	18	27
	800	33	53	73	20	35	48
De Beers (*1350)	1100	280	310	325	20	45	60
	1200	215	250	265	45	75	100
	1300	160	200	245	80	120	150
	1400	120	165	210	150	170	210
Davons (*389)	351	50	60	—	6	10	—

	Series	Jun Calls	Dec Calls	Jan Puts	Sep Puts	Dec Puts
Dixons contd	360	—	64	—	—	20
	381	28	38	18	20	—
Glaxo (*1444)	1400	105	175	195	45	70	80
	1450	80	135	165	70	100	105
	1500	55	110	140	95	130	130
	1550	40	85	115	130	160	155
Hanson (*162)	135	29½	33½	—	1	2¼	—
	150	17	22½	—	4	6¼	—
	165	8	13½	—	10½	13	—
	180	3	7½	12¼	20½	22½	24
Sears (*141)	130	13¾	17½	19	4	6¾	8½
	140	6½	11½	15	8	12¼	14¾
	160	3	6	9	24	25½	27
Tesco (*482)	420	68	82	—	2	8	—
	460	33	52	70	9	18	23
	500	10	28	48	32	35	40
Thorn EMI (*681)	500	192	197	—	1	1½	—
	550	142	147	—	2	4	—
	600	95	102	127	5	12	17
	650	58	70	92	20	25	35
THF (*232)	200	36	43	52	2	4	6
	220	21	32	37	7	12	14
	240	8	20	27	16	19	22

	Series	May Calls	Aug Calls	Nov Calls	May Puts	Aug Puts	Nov Puts
Brt Aero (*632)	600	50	68	82	11	23	30
	650	22	42	55	33	40	48
	700	3	27	35	70	73	82
BAT Inds (*496)	420	83	95	—	1	5	—
	460	47	63	78	5	13	17
	500	20	36	52	20	28	35
	550	5	18	28	58	62	65
Brit Telecom (*280)	220	63	68	76	1/16	2	4
	240	43	52	58	1	5	9
	260	25	35	42	4	11	17
Cadbury Schwpps (*250)	240	18	29	42	8	11	17
	260	6½	21	30	16	23	28
	280	3	10	—	31	35	—
Guinness (*326)	300	32	49	61	5	17	20
	330	13	27	40	20	25	33
	360	4	14	—	40	40	—
Ladbroke (*421)	373	50	58	—	2	5	—
	423	25	35	50	5	12	18
	443	3	18	27	35	38	40
LASMO (*238)	220	26	34	47	7	13	19
	240	15	22	35	19	24	30
	260	5	16	25	34	38	43
Plessey (*234)	220	20	29	33	4	7	11
	240	9	17	22	14	17	21
	280	3	10	14	28	32	35
P & O (*615)	550	70	88	105	2	8	12
	600	30	53	68	12	18	27
	650	6	23	36	40	52	60
Racal (*223)	220	14	19	25	8	13	15
	240	4	10	16	21	24	26
	260	1	5	8	37	40	44
RTZ (*955)	900	160	182	187	4	10	25

Publishers of Adrian Mole in £11m call

By Joe Joseph

Associated Book Publishers, which has turned to acquisitions to fill the gap left in its balance sheet by the waning fortunes of its favourite son, Adrian Mole, is raising about £11 million to cut borrowings and fuel further growth.

The money, which will come through a one-for-five rights issue of 4,777,582 shares at 240p each, is being earmarked for purchases of specialist academic and scientific publishing companies in Britain and the US.

Packaging the adolescent traumas of Adrian Mole earned ABP £2 million over a hectic two-year span. At the height of Mole fever in 1985, sales of the various Adrian Mole titles were running at £3.4 million a year.

The purchase of Routledge & Kegan Paul in 1985 helped to boost ABP's flagging profits and give it a more prominent profile in US bookshops. The company also paid £3.5 million last year for Croom Helm, the academic publisher that does sizeable export business to the US and Australia.

ABP last month reported a modest rise in pretax profits for last year to £8.1 million from £7.8 million.

The group's sales this year are described as encouraging and it is hoping that the 1987 dividend will at least match the 6p paid last year.

Chloride wins £20m torpedo battery order

Chloride Industrial Batteries has won a follow-on order worth more than £20 million to supply batteries for the Stingray torpedo.

This is the company's largest single order and work on the project will continue until the 1990s at the Clifton, Manchester, plant.

The batteries will be supplied to Marconi Underwater Systems, manufacturer of Stingray, which is in full production and service with the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

Mr Simon Warner, the defence director of Chloride, said: "Our contract to supply Stingray has been won in the face of fierce competition from other British and overseas manufacturers and follows a successful completion of the first product contract."

● **WAGON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS:** Agreement in principal has been reached for the purchase of Wefco (Gainsborough) for £2.5 million in cash and shares. Wefco, based at Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, manufactures storage tanks, containers and liquid propane-gas vessels.

● **EXPAMET INTERNATIONAL:** Contracts have been exchanged for the acquisition of Christie Hydraulics and its subsidiary, Christie Hydraulics Australia, manufacturers of hydraulic accumulators. The consideration will be £3.34 million in ordinary shares.

Washington tries to unravel trade tangle with China

From Robert Grieves, Peking

Four years ago, Washington agreed to offer China more lenient terms of trade and technology transfers just as Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, was approaching Peking.

On his latest visit to China, Mr Baldrige has had to fend off complaints from the Chinese that not enough US technology was coming their way. At the same time, he has had to politely suggest to his hosts that they clear up what Washington sees as violations of US textile quotas.

As a result, said US officials in Peking yesterday, Mr Baldrige has emphasized America's need to become more competitive in world markets as well as the need for Asian markets to further open up to foreign goods.

In the past four years the Chinese have asked for high-technology seismic equipment, air traffic control systems and fibre optics technologies to help improve their national communications system.

But the US Department of Defence has frequently refused to grant approvals for the sales of such technologies, even after contracts have been signed, because it views such sales as harmful to US interests in Asia.

"This is something we're working through," said one US official. "There is an older generation in Washington that paints China with the same communist brush as the Soviet Union and that's a bit unfair."

Other US officials said Washington's concern about the competitiveness of the American economy meant that a move to ease US technology export controls would be under way soon. But one source noted that because of the "entrenched bureaucracy" in Washington the effort might need three years before results are seen.

Even so, Mr Baldrige said progress had been made during the fifth round of the Sino-US Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade, which ended yesterday.

Two trade development programme agreements, on the use of computers as training tools and feasibility studies on the renovation of Shanghai's sewer system, were signed.

Mr Baldrige, when asked about America's trade problem with China, said China's textile exports to the US last year increased by 65 per cent. "We can't have that kind of increase," he said. But he ruled out a trade war, saying trade "supports our political relationship with China, and puts it on a surer footing."

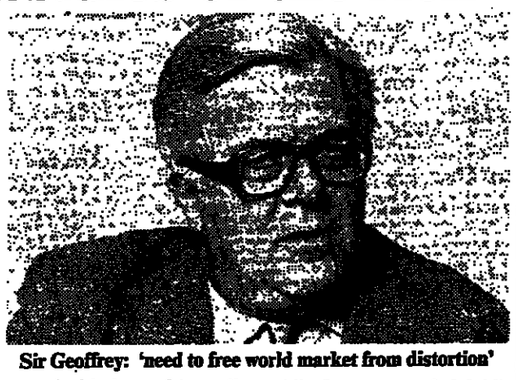
On the question of technology transfer, Mr Baldrige promised that China "would see significant improvements" from the US side this year.

Howe attack on 'ruinous' farm subsidies of the rich

By Colin Narbrough

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, gave a strong warning yesterday to the world's wealthy nations not to pitch their farm subsidies against each other in what would be a ruinous battle for all.

Japan and the United States, whose aid to their agricultural sectors exceeded that of the European Community, had to do more towards a global solution to the problem, he said in Canberra during a four-day visit to Australia.



Sir Geoffrey: 'need to free world market from distortion'

The EEC also would have to drop its export subsidies to help achieve an undistorted world market in farm goods.

Sir Geoffrey noted that the need to free the world market of distorting subsidies and other barriers to free trade was ironically heightened by the prospect of the Soviet Union, the world's last big buyer of farm goods, becoming self-sufficient in grain.

Britain's interests on the issue of farm subsidies converged with those of Australia and New Zealand.

Sir Geoffrey said: "I know my Australian audience will agree that it is absurd for the Japanese price for rice, sugar and butter to be eight times the world price."

EEC agricultural support totalled $23 billion (£14.2 billion) for a farming population of 10.5 million. The US spent $26 billion on a farming population one-third this size, while Japan spent $10.5 billion on less than six million people.

Non-subsidized producers had the right to sell to international markets not distorted by state aid. Sir Geoffrey said: "That means markets free from European export subsidies, from Australian deficiency payments or from Japanese import and price controls."

Waddingtons bids £17.2m

By Cliff Feltham

Waddingtons, the Monopoly games and packaging group, has made an agreed £17.2 million takeover bid for the USM-quoted Johnsen and Jorgensen Packaging which makes tamper-proof containers for the drugs industry.

The offer, which has the backing of holders of 57 per cent of the Johnsen shares, is worth 253p a share. In the stock market, the Johnsen shares rose 22p to 237p.

The Johnsen group includes a number of companies in the plastic and glass packaging industry, supplying containers, closures and protective packaging. The company has been expanding into the growing market for tamper-proof and child-resistant lids. Last year it made record pretax profits of £1.3 million.

Waddingtons, which narrowly escaped being taken over by Mr Robert Maxwell a few years ago, has been keen on expanding into specialist printing and packaging markets and is currently valued at more than £160 million.

Japanese traders tipped for top profits

From Colin Campbell
Tokyo

The combination of strongly-rising Japanese share prices and increased bond activity and new issues make it likely that securities trading firms will be the most profitable sector of the Japanese economy next year.

Nomura Securities Company looks set to overtake Toyota Motor Corporation as the country's largest corporate earner.

Nomura's interim report, which was issued yesterday, for the six months ended March shows the group's total income rose by 34.8 per cent to Y466.1 billion (£1.99 billion).

Pretax profit was 59.1 per cent higher at a record Y242.2 billion.

Three other leading securities houses — Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi — have also announced record income and pretax profits for the half-year to March 31.

Nomura Securities enjoyed particular benefit from the new issue market after its handling of the listing of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation in February.

Blackwood seeks £18 million

Shareholders in Blackwood Hodge, the earth-moving equipment group, face their second rights issue in nine months as the company seeks to raise £18.5 million to pay for a batch of acquisitions in the US and to buy out the minority stake in its Canadian subsidiary.

The company has agreed to pay $18.5 million (£11.3 million) in cash for the Mitchell group of earth-moving equipment companies, based in North Carolina. It is also offering Can$10 million (£4.6 million) for the 26.4 per cent minority stake in BH Canada.

Terms of the rights issue are three shares for every eight held at 43p each. Blackwood Hodge shares dipped 1p to 49.5p on the news.

The balance of the funds raised by the share sale will be used to refinance the asset purchase from Midway, which is currently financed by bank borrowings.

The Sunley family trusts will not be taking up their rights to 6.3 per cent of the enlarged share capital and these shares have been placed with Investors in Industry.

COMMENT

Britain smiles as the wider world frowns

Election fever has wonderfully insulated Britain from the financial problems of the rest of the world. Each new pointer to a June poll is worth 1 per cent or more on share prices. While Wall Street has been riding a switchback, the FT-SE 100 share index climbed inexorably back over the 2,000 mark yesterday as buyers stocked up for the new account.

British Telecom was even obliged to explain this spring sunshine to American investors puzzled at the rise in its share price, which, perhaps more than any other, genuinely does hang on a Conservative victory.

The heady mood, moroever, has spread to the money markets, which shrugged off money supply figures that would have caused a sterling crisis a couple of years ago. On Friday, longer money market rates fell by almost a quarter point. Stephen Lewis, Phillips & Drew's renowned sceptic, foresees another quarter-point drop next week, leading in its turn to a half-point cut in base rates. That would bring base rates into unaccustomed single figures in time for the election.

Beyond that, the logic is less obvious. True, the Sterling Index is bounding ahead, but that is just the local manifestation of the crumbling dollar. And that ought to point to higher US interest rates. Hopes of stability based on the Paris currency accord faltered again as the dollar slipped one foot over the 140-yen precipice and slithered to DM1.79, hard to justify as being in accord with the accord.

The yen rate is more crucial, less for trade reasons than for the cycle of financing America's twin deficits. Japanese investors funding these deficits have proved surprisingly blind to the falling dollar. Once faith in dollar stabilization is confounded, fears of even further falls in the dollar-yen rate could be rapidly self-fulfilling.

The latest US consumer price figures may have been as expected, but an annualized inflation rate of 6.2 per cent hardly makes long-dated bond yields of 8.5 per cent in a weak currency look attractive in terms of real returns to foreign investors, however promising it now appears on the charts. Fundamentals argue for a swift rise in yields to 9 per cent. US short-term rates look even further out of line, being 1.5 points lower than at the time of the Plaza agreement to roll the dollar downhill.

There is still little but faith to stop the dollar falling. In a week when even Paul Volcker's continued presence at the Federal Reserve has been questioned by the rumour-mongers, his anti-inflationary resolve is no longer rated highly.

British interest rates suffered long enough from the need to compete with dollar instruments. Pre-election optimists assume dollar weakness will insulate us from ructions across the Atlantic.

Issues for C&W talks

The crucial questions behind the Cable & Wireless battle to enter the Japanese international telecommunications market are now becoming clearer: how to provide adequate capacity for future growth in demand and how best to open up the existing monopoly service to effective competition.

Yesterday KDD, the existing monopoly, announced a partnership with American Telephone & Telegraph to investigate laying a new trans-Pacific cable for the 1990s. This would be in addition to the so-called TPC-3, that KDD is laying already to go into service in mid-1989, which it previously thought adequate to meet demand until the year 2,000.

IDC, the consortium in which C&W holds 20 per cent, has consistently argued that the 20 per cent-a-year growth in traffic in the Pacific region warranted big investment in new facilities. Disagreement between IDC and the Japanese ITJ consortium, its rival for the new international licence, over the need for a new cable continues to thwart the proposed merger between the two groups. Confirmation that KDD itself is considering a TPC-4 would seemingly support IDC's original proposals. The puzzle is the timing of the developments.

The Japanese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has suddenly shifted from outright opposition to a new trans-Pacific cable to welcoming feasibility studies. These also dim the third possibility that two new licences will be granted.

IDC can claim that KDD has vindicated its view.But ITJ, which has always planned to lease capacity on existing lines, will say that with TPC-4 there will be even less need to lay yet another link.

IDC argues there will only be full competition if the new licence is awarded to a consortium investing in independent capacity. The US authorities tacitly agreed this week when they granted approval to land IDC's planned cable. C&W says it has in any case always assumed in its projections that KDD was planning a TPC-4.

Next Friday IDC and ITJ again meet to discuss merger terms. Agreement on anything but to disagree is unlikely. The Japanese government will have to decide if it wants true competition — with or without C&W.

TEMPUS

A close contest for Phipps

Mr Brian Taylor, managing director of Wardle Storeys is a lucky man. His speciality is running mature businesses but he has never, by his own admission, had the misfortune to manage one which has run out of steam. He says he does not need to make acquisitions in order to grow. Nor does he like to be called an asset stripper.

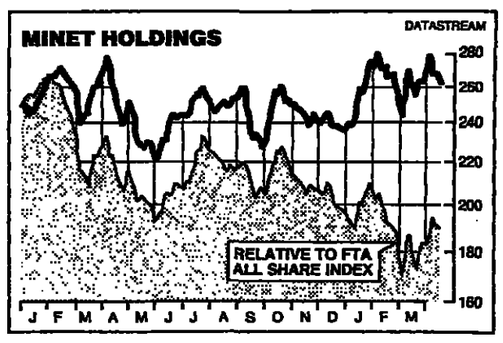
Chamberlain Phipps believes otherwise — not suprising since it is the subject of a £62 million bid from Wardle Storeys. It is making much of the Mr Taylor's forceful management style and is twanging City heart strings with the fashionable adage that takeovers lacking industrial logic should be blocked.

Mr Taylor thinks that his success comes from an ability to act as a catalyst to operational management. By taking the place of unsuccessful top management, he expects to improve the company's performance significantly using the same middle management. According to his philosophy, even if you manage to teach an old dog new tricks, you will not impress the original audience.

Chamberlain Phipp's past record compares poorly to that ofWardle Storeys but Mr David Chamberlain's new brush is having an effect. He has turned round certain important parts of the group since returning in 1982 from a spell in the outside world and has had the top job since April, 1986. His influence is reflected in the good 1987 and 1988 forecasts.

Mr Taylor is sceptical about the £7.25 million forecast for 1987-88, although under his management he expects Chamberlain Phipps to make more.

TheWardle Storeys offer is worth more than 15 times 1987-88 earnings and would not bring any dilution. Gearing may rise to 18 per cent at worst.



Mr Taylor owns 15 per cent of Wardle Storeys and so has an excellent reason to ensure that the enlarged group performs. Chamberlain Phipps shareholders attracted by a more direct approach to management should accept. But, given current institutional hostility to takeovers, the victory may be closely contested.

Minet

Those who enjoy some speculative spice in an otherwise bland portfolio could do worse than consider the potential of shares in the Minet insurance broking group.

Minet has been dogged by its involvement in the PCW affair. Its shares have underperformed the market by perhaps 15 per cent over the past year and are on a modest rating by the standards of the sector.

The cloud hanging over Minet is a financial one. It has always been assumed in the insurance world that those like Minet and Sedgwick, whose companies were used by the founders of the PCW syndicates to channel names's cash abroad, would pay up towards a voluntary settlement rather than face the prospect of lengthy and costly litigation with injured PCW names.

Uncertainty over the size of such a settlement has been an important factor in the weakness of the shares.

The recent proposals by Lloyd's ruling council seeks £55 million from potential litigants such as Minet towards £134 million needed to fully fund the liabilities of the PCW syndicates. Minet will not state what its share is under a confidentiality agreement with Lloyd's. But the best guesses in the market are that it will fall into the £15 to £20 million range.

For Minet, capitalized at more than £200 million, this would be painful but not disastrous. The shares would have responded favourably except for some residual uncertainty over the acceptability of the settlement to the 2,000 Lloyd's names who will have to put up sums as high as £200,000.

If there is a settlement by the May 30 Lloyd's deadline, Minet shares should gain, and at last be rated more in line with the fundamentals of its business.

Analysts are looking for profits in the £32-£33 million range for 1986 and perhaps £38 million for the current year. With the shares at 269p, they are selling for an actual tax price earnings ratio of just over nine prospectively.

There seems little downside in them on that basis. Further, there are some Lloyd's watchers who expect closer links between Minet and its big US shareholder, Corroon and Black, once the dust has settled over the PCW affair. A full bid would need to be in the region of £4 a share to swing the support of shareholders.

Berry Trust

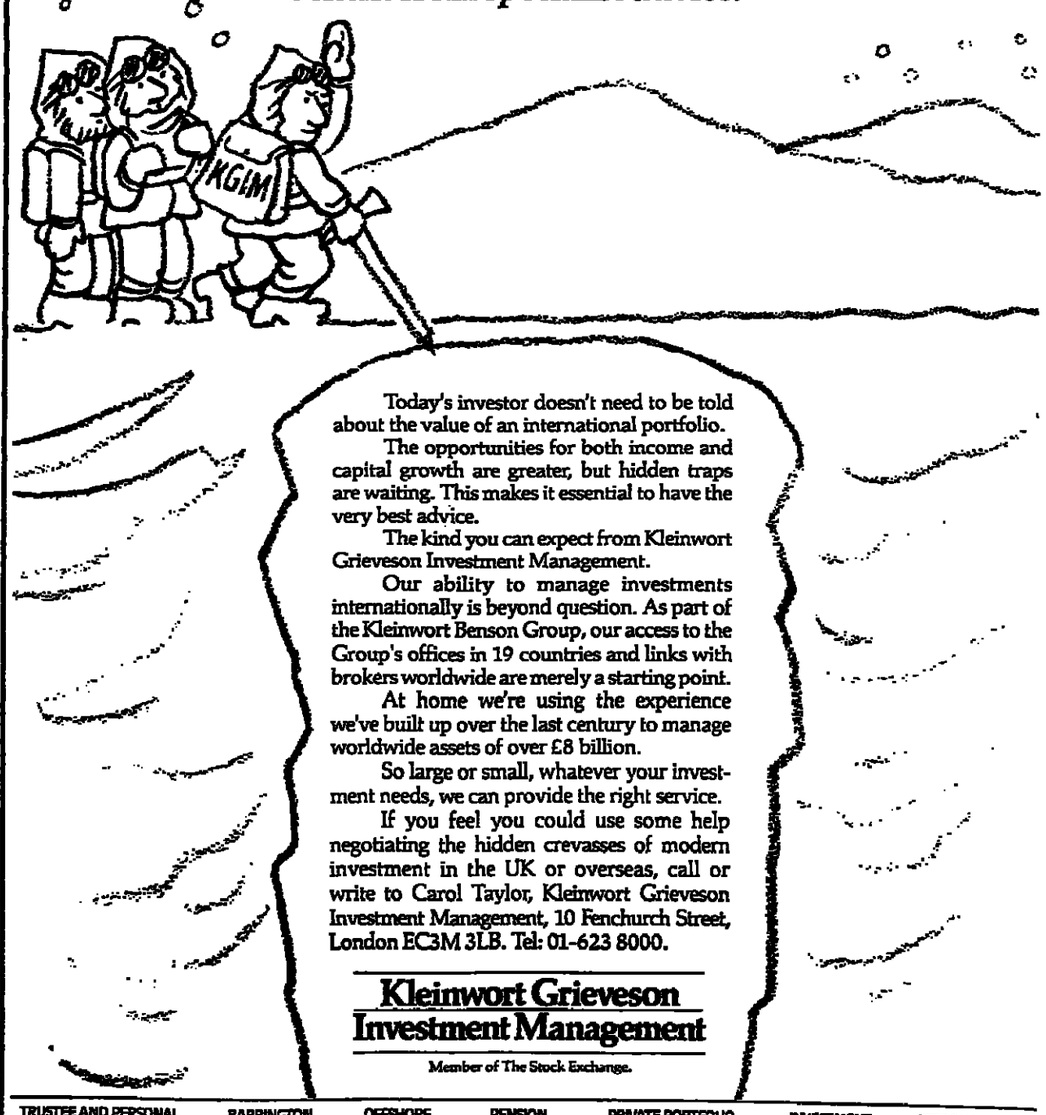
Since the excitements of last year when Berry Trust successfully saw off the bid from Ensign Trust, Berry has has been a duller animal to follow. Yesterday's interim figures have already been superseded by the publication of the latest monthly figures giving an end of March asset value of 330.2p (on a fully diluted basis), confirming the solid performance over the past year.

The sale of part of the stake in GT Management at the time of the latter's flotation wiped out Berry's gearing and at the end of last month Berry was exactly fully invested — and is planning to remain so. There has been some reduction in exposure to Japan and this trend is likely to continue with funds reinvested in Europe, particularly West Germany. The UK market, which accounts for about half the investments, remains the favourite region with strength expected over the election period.

Net profits from the dealings subsidiary fell from £401,000 to £142,000 but the fund managers believe they have weathered the "in-flight turbulance" in world markets over the past few months.

The shares, up 2p at 278p, are at a 16 per cent discount to net assets, slightly below the sector average. The record is solid but the outlook is not particularly inspiring — unless Ensign were to indicate interest in re-entering the fray as it is free to do after September.

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01-658 9002				
Australia	98.7	105.5c	-0.6	0.30
Eastern	83.8	89.6	+0.5	0.00
Equity Income	68.0	73.1e	+0.3	4.54
Europe	139.0	147.8	+1.3	1.00
Exempt Trust	23.3	25.1e	+0.3	0.75
Growth & Inc	72.8	77.4	+0.2	2.50
Global Gth	67.9	72.2	+0.1	2.20
Japan Special	117.7	125.8	+0.9	0.10
Japan Sunrise	109.0	116.5e	+0.5	0.00
First Europe	120.0	127.5c	+1.9	0.80
First Japan	96.5	106.4	+0.5	0.60
First N Amer	49.0	52.1	+0.1	1.10
First Smaller Co's	90.6	96.3e	+0.1	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT				
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3				
01-623 8000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	61.3	65.6	-1.2	0.00
Do Accum	64.8	69.4	-0.3	0.00
Australian Inc	103.9	110.9	+1.0	1.62
Do Accum	128.0	135.0	+1.1	1.62
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	26.1	27.5e	+0.1	1.73
Do Accum	33.5	35.4	..	1.73
General Inc	195.3	210.3	+1.0	1.66
Do Accum	275.5	290.7	+1.5	1.66
Gth Yield Inc	113.4	116.8	+0.4	10.46
Global Inc	157.5	166.2	..	4.25
Do Accum	265.8	284.6	..	4.25
High Yield Inc	198.2	204.2	+0.5	10.46
High Yield Inc	112.5	118.7e	+0.4	4.31
Do Accum	260.6	249.3	+0.5	4.31
Int Rec Inc	125.4	132.3	+0.9	1.66
Do Accum	132.5	139.8	+1.0	1.62
Japan Inc	269.9	284.6c	+1.4	0.17
Do Accum	271.7	286.6c	+1.4	0.17
Japanese Spec Inc	120.5	127.1e	+0.5	0.29
Do Accum	121.0	127.7e	+0.5	0.29
N American Inc	54.1	57.1	-0.5	0.81
Do Accum	62.8	66.3	-1.1	0.81
Pacific Inc	156.4	167.1e	+0.9	0.35
Do Accum	173.2	185.1	+1.0	0.35
Planned Investment	157.2	166.3	-1.1	3.58
Smaller Co's Inc	112.9	119.1	-0.1	0.76
Do Accum	134.6	142.0	-0.1	0.76
UK Equity Gth Inc	53.6	56.4	..	0.44
Do Accum	55.6	58.7	+0.1	0.44
Worldwide Tech Inc	49.7	52.4	+0.4	0.02
Do Accum	50.0	52.8	+0.3	0.02
BRIDGE MANAGEMENT				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	170.5	181.4	-0.5	2.07
Smaller Co's Acc	330.2	349.5e	-1.7	0.77
Do Income	203.5	221.7e	-1.1	0.77
High Income	93.0	98.3de	..	5.09
Income	95.8	101.9e	+0.4	4.12
Man Portfolio Inc	88.1	93.7	+0.2	2.22
Do Acc	149.2	158.8	+0.4	2.22
North American	92.1	98.1	-0.4	1.35
Orient	96.4	102.5e	-1.3	0.28
Exempt	285.6	303.8c	..	2.09
Recovery	67.5	71.4	+0.4	1.16
German	30.8	32.7	+0.1	0.48
Technology	150.0	159.6e	+0.6	0.29
Europe	23.3	25.1e	+0.3	0.75

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BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	61.7	65.6e	..	2.00
General Inc (4)	290.1	304.5	+2.4	1.58
Do Accum (4)	467.3	490.4	+4.0	1.58
Income Fund (3)	123.3	131.4e	..	4.29
Do Accum (3)	228.1	238.2e	..	4.29
Inst Inc (3)	150.2	157.0	..	0.50
Do Accum (3)	200.3	209.4	..	0.50
Smaller Inc (3)	94.9	99.1e	..	1.00
Do Accum	91.3	96.6e	..	1.00
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JO				
01-621 0011				
Capital	428.7	454.0e	+0.4	1.54
Income	341.5	363.4e	-0.4	4.35
North American	311.7	331.8e	-2.9	0.76
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	494.3	e	..	3.90
Fixed Int	147.75	e	..	9.66
Deposit	100.0		..	10.55
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	443.46		..	4.40
Accum	273.2457		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	5.60
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0800 373393				
Amer Growth	24.6	26.1e	-0.3	1.90
Dragon Growth Fund	24.4	25.9	+0.7	0.00
Equity High Income	95.0	99.9e	+0.5	3.80
European Growth	31.3	33.2	+0.2	2.00
General Equity	92.8	98.2	+0.5	2.60
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	31.8	33.5	+0.1	9.50
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.4	26.8e	+0.1	9.50
Ind Inc Tst	25.7	27.2e	+0.1	5.00
Japan Growth	43.6	46.0	..	0.50
Pedigree Gth	28.7	31.5	..	2.50
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ				
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 2818				
UK & Gen Inc	58.2	59.8	+0.2	2.72
Do Accum	59.2	59.8	+0.2	2.72
Income Inc	58.4	60.1	+0.1	3.56
Do Accum	58.4	60.1	+0.1	3.56
Worldwide Inc	53.8	57.4	-0.4	1.58
Do Accum	53.3	57.4	-0.4	1.58
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD				
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU				
01-726 1999				
E uro G rth S tnt	76.6	81.1	+0.9	0.66
Extra Income	216.6	229.3e	+0.7	5.03
Financial	216.6	229.5	+0.2	2.69
Sth East Asia Gth	81.5	85.3e	+0.5	1.85
Growth Investment	348.8	369.1	+0.2	2.68
Income & Growth	59.5	63.0c	+0.1	3.77
Japanese Growth	284.3	300.8	+0.7	0.41
Nth Amer Growth	117.7	124.6c	-0.9	0.68
Ind Recovery	149.8	157.9	..	1.32
Smaller Co's	293.4	310.3	-1.0	1.20
Global Inc Tst	63.9	67.7e	+0.5	0.47
Special Sits Acc	364.1	385.8	-1.3	1.16
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking, GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
American Trust	138.8	147.7	-1.3	0.68
European Trust	127.6	135.7e	-0.9	..
Growth Trust	272.2	289.6	+0.1	2.48
High Income Trust	306.2	325.7e	+2.8	4.57
Ind Tech Trust	126.8	134.7c	-0.4	..
Japanese Trust	193.5	205.9e	+0.6	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL				
07372 42424				
UK Income	58.5	62.3e	..	4.72
UK Growth Accum	67.5	71.9e	-0.5	2.41
Do Dist	66.5	70.8e	-0.5	2.41
European Growth	65.5	69.7c	+1.3	1.86
Pacific Growth	72.3	77.0c	+0.1	0.51
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh				
031-225 3452				
Accertcan Fund	70.7	75.3	-1.1	1.32
Capital Fund	133.6	142.2c	-0.6	1.28
Dividend	27.2	29.0	-0.4	1.10
Growth & Inc Fund	164.4	175.0	+0.1	3.57
High Dist Fund	144.6	154.0c	-0.3	4.38
International Fund	230.8	245.5	-0.9	0.92
Pacific Fund	4.4	4.7	-0.1	0.57
Resources Fund	33.3	35.4e	-0.1	0.28
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	31.7	33.7	+0.2	..
Tokyo Fund	234.0	249.2	..	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	141.1	145.2e	..	0.00
(Ex) Japan (3)	133.3	136.9	..	0.15
(Ex) Pacific (4)	378.7	389.1e	+4.1	0.23
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	188.7	193.9	+1.7	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	87.3	92.6	+0.4	2.56
Do Accum	88.4	94.0	+0.3	2.50
UK Growth Accum	111.6	125.8e	+0.7	1.62
UK High Inc Inc	91.0	96.6e	+0.3	5.03
N American Accum	74.3	79.2	-1.0	0.67
Far Eastern Accum	136.1	145.2	+0.6	0.70
European Accum	98.1	104.6	+0.7	1.62
UK Gilt & Fi Inc	57.3	60.9	+0.2	8.09
Do Accum	61.0	64.7	+0.2	7.57
Intl Spec Sit Acc	50.0		..	..
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LS				
0708-60666				
Endurance	129.0	137.3	..	0.96
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Equitable Pension	91.6	97.5e	+0.3	2.89
High Income Trust	52.3	55.2	+0.4	4.92
Gilt & Fixed Int	54.1	57.6	+0.1	7.51
Tst Of Inv Trusts	83.5	88.9	..	1.74
Special Sits Trust	95.8	102.0	+0.5	2.13
Nth Amer Trust	53.4	57.5	..	0.45
Far Eastern Trust	112.6	119.8	+0.6	0.37
Ind Growth	56.5	60.3	-0.4	0.97
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD				
0203 653231				
UK Growth Accum	178.7	190.1e	..	2.77
Do Income	151.4	161.0e	..	2.77
Higher Inc Accum	208.9	222.0e	..	3.86
Do Income	241.2	256.5e	..	3.86
Glbl&Fixed Int	105.7	112.3e	..	8.17
Do Income	85.9	90.4e	..	8.17
Nth Amer Tst Accum	148.9	158.2e	..	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	185.7	208.1e	..	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	164.6	177.2e	..	0.00
General Trust	276.1	293.7e	..	2.95
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Poutney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	69.0	73.5	+0.6	0.20
UK Income Fund	69.4	68.8e	+1.7	4.76
Far Eastern Fund	82.5	87.7	+0.4	0.07
Overseas Income	75.1	79.9	+0.4	3.39
Fixed Interest	61.9	65.9	..	9.75

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Natural Res Fund	72.3	77.0	-0.8	2.22
European Income	84.4	89.8	+0.4	3.77
Financials Fund	82.9	88.3	..	2.85
Ind Tech Fund	120.8	128.6e	+0.4	0.16
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
130, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-332 3132				
Amer Gth Inc	23.2	24.7	..	..
Do Acc	23.2	24.7	..	..
Balanced Gth Inc	63.1	67.1e	+0.6	1.40
Do Accum	64.8	68.7e	+0.6	..
High Inc	52.2	55.5	+0.2	5.30
Do Accum	35.9	38.5	+0.2	..
Service Co's Inc	71.9	76.5	+0.2	1.60
Do Acc	72.4	77.0	+0.2	..
Higher Inc	29.8	31.7	+0.2	7.00
Do acc	29.7	31.0	+0.1	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
0732 361144				
American	116.0	123.5	-1.2	0.53
Amer Equity Income	94.1	99.8e	-0.1	3.73
Amer Special Sits	86.0	88.6c	..	0.01
Australia	61.5	64.0	-0.1	1.82
Equities	61.9	65.0	+0.1	..
European Inc	24.0	25.4	+0.2	3.98
Global Conv	24.2	25.7	..	6.10
Far East Inc	40.8	43.2	+0.1	3.39
Gilt & Fixed Int	31.0	e	+0.1	9.30
Growth & Income	117.2	124.7	+1.1	3.87
Japan Special Sits	55.1	59.9	+0.2	..
Japan	172.9	184.5	+1.3	..
Managed Int	135.1	165.1e	-0.5	0.05
Man Sterling Equity	109.1	112.9e	+0.3	3.67
Professional Gth	41.3	44.2	+0.4	1.76
South East Asia	46.8	50.1	+0.2	0.08
Special Sits	234.0	249.0	+0.6	0.29
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	210.5	222.7	-0.5	..
Do Accum	215.0	227.5	-0.5	..
Amer Tymenid Inc	87.2	92.2	-0.3	1.38
Do Accum	229.2	233.0	-0.4	1.38
Capital Tst Inc	270.2	286.9e	+0.7	1.76
Do Accum	368.6	348.7e	+1.0	1.76
Conv & Gth Inc	102.8	108.7	..	4.88
Do Accum	139.8	147.9	+0.1	4.88
European Inc	68.6	72.6c	..	0.83
Do Accum	93.5	98.8c	..	0.83
Extra Inc Tst Inc	223.4	236.0	+0.2	0.92
Do Accum	234.6	248.2	+0.1	3.66
Financial Accum	64.9	68.1	+0.1	1.08
Do Inc	54.7	57.9	+0.1	1.08
Income Trust	151.0	159.7	+0.1	3.66
Int Growth Fd Inc	168.5	178.7	-0.7	..
Do Accum	187.8	198.9e	-0.8	..
Japan & Gen Inc	114.6	121.2	+0.1	..
Do Accum	115.8	122.5	+0.1	..
Monthly Income Fd	111.9	118.4e	+0.7	3.64
SEP Fd	125.2	132.5	..	1.74
Recovery	184.8	195.6	-0.6	0.99
Do Accum	201.7	213.4	-0.9	0.99
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885 566				
FP Equity Dist	237.3	251.9c	+0.4	2.33
Do Accum	399.7	423.3c	+3.1	2.33
FP Fixed Int Dist	120.0	127.6c	+0.5	5.68
Do Accum	141.6	150.6c	+0.8	5.63
Stabilising Dist	214.8	228.6c	..	1.57
Do Accum	223.7	237.4c	..	1.57
FP North American	130.0	137.8	-1.7	1.32
FP Pacific Basin	222.4	235.8	-0.5	0.21
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 5, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2576 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	76.8	81.8e	+0.6	0.50
UK Cap For Inc	125.5	133.6	..	2.20
Do Accum	191.8	193.5	..	2.20
Income Fund	95.9	102.1e	+0.1	5.50
International	169.5	200.6e	-0.1	0.30
UK & General	61.7	61.2	+0.1	3.39
Japan & General	307.9	327.8e	+3.1	0.10
Far East & Gen	172.3	183.4	+2.0	0.10
European Fund	273.6	291.1e	+2.6	0.10
Germany Fund	95.5	99.7	+0.6	1.59
Intl Inc Fund	35.5	38.1	..	4.20
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP				
01-283 1212 Dealing 01-623 5788 Dealing 01-623, 3666				
American Trust	88.1	93.8	-1.0	0.70
Australian Trust	36.4	38.8e	-0.3	0.10
British Tst Accum	78.7	81.8	..	1.76
Do Inc	68.1	71.0	..	3.07
Commodity Share	63.7	66.7	..	1.00
European Trust	58.5	60.2	+0.9	0.50
Extra Income Trust	69.4	69.2c	..	4.58
Far Eastern Trust	72.4	77.2	-0.5	0.20
Fixed Interest Fund	27.3	29.1e	..	9.01
Frontier Mkts	25.2	26.6	+0.2	0.35
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.8	26.4e	+0.1	9.04
Global Fund Accum	197.7	210.5	+0.3	0.50
Do Dist	180.8	200.0	+0.1	0.41
Gold Share Trust	25.3	27.0	-0.9	0.62
Hedged American	35.7	38.1	-1.0	0.50
High Income Trust	148.2	151.1e	..	4.66
Hong Kong Trust	36.4	38.7	-0.1	1.00
Income Fund	97.0	103.2	+0.1	2.84
Japan Trust	143.5	152.6	-2.2	0.00
Managed Exempt	298.7	312.2e	+0.1	0.53
Oil & Energy Trust	38.9	40.4	+0.1	0.58
Special Sits Trust	129.0	137.2	+0.3	0.76
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	99.0	105.4	..	0.50
Cheltenham UK	25.9	28.5	+0.1	1.92
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA				
01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	98.8	106.2	+0.6	0.99
American Growth	77.2	78.2	+0.5	0.25
American Inc	73.6	78.4e	-0.6	5.25
European Growth	238.5	252.7	+1.8	0.23
Gold & Minerals	73.7	78.4	-1.0	0.43
Japan Growth	58.3	60.2e	+0.1	..
Pacific Inc	85.1	91.5	+0.2	0.55
Pacific Strategy	50.9	54.1	-0.5	0.41
UK Progressive Inc	69.3	73.7	+0.4	3.78
UK Special-Opps	148.8	158.2	+0.4	0.65
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-986 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	121.8	126.6	+0.6	8.78
Growth Equity	259.4	285.0	-1.1	1.71
Growth Fund	332.1	344.1	+1.0	2.04
Income	154.8	163.9e	-2.3	0.84
Pacific	317.0	335.5e	+3.0	0.00
Property Share	360.8	381.9	+1.1	1.04
Smaller Companies	274.7	290.8e	+1.5	1.54
European Trust	250.2	266.5	+2.5	1.86
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ.				
01-623 9333				
High Income	65.1	69.2e	-0.1	5.19
N Amer Trust	115.5	122.9e	-0.7	0.72
Recovery	259.2	306.0e	-1.1	2.40
Sm Trust	61.2	61.2e	-0.1	1.46
St Vincent Inc	102.5	105.5	+0.1	4.65
St Vincent US Gth	73.5	77.0	-0.9	0.77
Temple Bar Sm Co's	239.3	252.5	..	2.56
Euro Gth Tst	48.0	52.0e	+0.1	0.00
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916				
Hambros Smlr Co's	172.9	183.4	-0.3	1.41
Hambros N Amer	68.0	72.1	-0.7	0.50

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Hambros Jap & F E	151.4	160.6e	+1.2	0.27
Hambros Scandiv	82.7	87.7	..	0.88
Hambros European	116.5	119.0e	+1.0	0.81
Hambros Extra Inc	59.1	61.8	+0.1	1.66
Hambros Equity Inc	107.5	114.1	-0.5	4.28
Hambros High Inc	80.1	85.0e	-1.0	4.73
Hambros Fee Assts	72.6	77.2	..	2.35
Hambros Intl Sts	68.1	72.3	..	0.89
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
0277 217236				
Amer Recovery Tst	113.1	119.8	-0.2	2.04
Amer Smaller Co's	82.5	85.6e	+0.2	0.01
Australian	102.4	108.5e	-1.2	1.11
Capital Growth Inc	69.0	72.4e	+0.1	1.49
Do Accum	78.2	84.5e	+0.2	1.48
European	270.3	288.1e	+2.1	0.64
Euro Inc Tst	48.5	51.6	+0.3	4.13
Euro Smaller Co's	113.5	121.2	+0.7	0.15
Extra Income	217.7	231.9e	+0.9	3.73
Financial Trust	185.2	198.1	-0.8	2.04
Fixed Interest Tst	54.6	57.9e	+0.1	9.37
Gilt Trust	43.6	46.4c	+0.3	9.28
Global Healthcare	84.8	89.2c	..	0.01
Global Inc&Gth	65.3	68.5	..	4.30
Global Resources	128.1	132.0	-2.9	0.00
Global Tech	119.7	127.5	-0.2	0.01
Gold	94.5	101.1	-0.5	1.67
High Income Tst	231.9	246.8e	+1.0	5.55
Hong Kong	85.4	89.7	-0.4	0.34
Income & Growth Inc	175.2	186.8	+2.0	2.74
Do Accum	349.8	372.8	+4.0	2.74
Income Assets	135.9	137.4e	+0.3	1.57
International	186.5	209.0e	-0.2	1.74
Japan Special Sits	282.0	249.2	+0.2	0.01
Japan Tst	211.3	226.0	+0.2	0.01
North American	147.4	157.7	-1.3	0.44
Pacific Smaller Co's	86.2	91.7e	-0.4	1.68
Prof & Gth	48.9	53.1e	..	8.04
Recovery Tst	140.9	150.7	-1.0	1.66
Singapore & Malay	49.2	49.8	-0.1	1.29
Smaller Co's Div	159.8	169.4e	+1.0	4.06
Special Sits Inc	169.0	180.0e	..	0.89
Do Accum	238.9	253.5e	..	0.89

Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Micro BS	Electricals	
2	Sale Tilney	Industrials S-Z	
3	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
4	Molins	Industrials L-R	
5	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
6	Newman Tonks	Industrials L-R	
7	Greene King	Breweries	
8	Tip Top Drug	Drapery,Stores	
9	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
10	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
11	Amec	Building,Roads	
12	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
13	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
14	Alphameric	Electricals	
15	Raine Ind	Building,Roads	
16	AGB Research	Industrials A-D	
17	Britton	Industrials A-D	
18	Vibroplant	Building,Roads	
19	Dentsend Stamping	Industrials A-D	
20	Phicom	Electricals	
21	Kershaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
22	Emess Lighting	Electricals	
23	Highland Distl	Breweries	
24	Hallite	Industrials E-K	
25	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
26	French (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
27	Marshalls (Halifax)	Building,Roads	
28	Time Products	Drapery,Stores	
29	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
30	BSR	Electricals	
31	Aaronson	Industrials A-D	
32	Fosseo-Minsep	Chemicals,Plas	
33	Baynes (Charles)	Industrials A-D	
34	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
35	Dom	Industrials A-D	
36	Erskine House	Industrials E-K	
37	Logica	Electricals	
38	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
39	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
40	Birmid Qualcast	Industrials A-D	
41	Br Benzol	Chemicals,Plas	
42	Sketchley	Industrials S-Z	
43	Atlantic Comp	Electricals	
44	Cape Ind	Industrials A-D	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

100¾	99½	Treas	10%	1987	99¾	10.0 9.748
99¾	97	Treas	10%	1987	99⅛	10.0 7.452
102⅛	95½	Treas	12¾	1987	101⅛	11.8 9.092
99⅛	97¼	Treas	11¼	1988-88	98⅝	11.4 9.060
101⅛	96	Treas	10¼	1988	101⅛	10.4 9.080
101⅛	98¼	Treas	C9¼	1988	100⅝	9.7 9.128
99¼	92¾	Treas	3%	1978-88	96⅛	3.1 6.950
101⅛	96	Treas	9½	1988	100⅛	9.4 9.041
104¼	95½	Treas	11¾	1988	103⅛	11.1 9.109
103⅛	99¼	Treas	10½	1988	102¼	10.2 9.085
102⅜	97¼	Exch	10%	1988	101⅛	9.8 9.077
107⅜	100	Exch	10½	1988	105⅞	9.7 8.600
105	97½	Exch	10%	1988	104⅛	9.8 9.030
94¼	88¼	Treas	8%	1986-89	93⅝	8.3 8.093
101⅛	95¼	Treas	C9¼	1989	100⅝	9.4 9.080
98	89¾	Treas	8%	1989	96⅞	8.2 7.134
116⅛	105¼	Treas	13%	1990	114⅝	11.8 8.966
105½	95	Exch	11%	1990	104⅛	10.5 8.999
109¾	99½	Exch	12¼	1990	108⅛	11.5 8.955
89⅝	84¼	Treas	9%	1990	88⅛	9.4 8.684
98⅜	93¼	Treas	8¾	1987-90	97⅛	8.3 8.848
104	97¼	Treas	10¾	1990	103⅞	9.7 8.708
87⅛	80¾	Exch	2½	1990	86⅜	2.9 6.706
109½	96¾	Treas	C10¾	1991	108⅛	9.3 7.754
109¾	102¼	Treas	11¾	1991	108⅞	10.8 8.696
93¾	86¼	Rand	5¼%	1987-91	92⅝	12.2 7.618
108⅞	100¼	Exch	11¾	1991	107⅞	10.2 8.937
86⅛	79¼	Treas	9¾	1991	86⅝	9.5 6.917

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

115⅛	107¾	Treas	12¾	1992	114⅛	11.2 8.934
105½	92¾	Treas	10%	1992	103⅝	9.6 8.911
107¾	99¼	Treas	C10¼	1992	105⅝	9.9 8.946
115	100¼	Exch	12¼%	1992	113⅝	10.8 9.046
110	106¼	Exch	13½	1992	114⅜	11.4 9.035
106½	96¾	Treas	10%	1993	104⅞	9.5 8.547
117⅜	108	Treas	12¾	1993	116⅛	10.6 9.000
92	81¼	Fund	6%	1993	89⅛	8.5 7.255
126	113⅝	Treas	13¾	1994	124⅝	11.2 9.065
129⅛	113⅛	Treas	14¼	1994	127⅝	11.4 9.073
119⅝	103¼	Exch	12¼	1994	117⅝	10.6 9.148
123⅛	113⅛	Exch	13½	1994	122⅛	11.1 9.150
165	91⅞	Treas	3%	1995	89⅝	3.4 6.940
117⅛	105⅞	Treas	12%	1995	115⅝	10.4 9.126
81¾	75¼	Gas	3%	1990-95	80⅞	3.7 6.093
108⅝	97¼	Exch	10½	1995	107⅛	9.6 9.081
122⅛	111¼	Treas	12¾	1995	121⅛	10.5 9.151
118⅜	107⅛	Treas	14%	1995	117⅝	10.1 9.289
101½	89⅛	Treas	9%	1992-96	100⅛	9.0 9.005
138⅛	125¼	Treas	15½	1996	136⅝	11.2 9.205
129⅜	114⅝	Exch	13½	1996	128⅛	10.6 9.098
88	80	Reinv	3%	1986	87⅝	3.4
107	96¾	Conv	10%	1986	105⅞	9.4 9.844
127½	115¼	Treas	13½	1997	125⅞	10.5 9.120
110⅝	95	Exch	10½	1997	108⅞	9.6 9.037
99⅛	85¼	Treas	8¼	1997	97⅞	8.4 8.439
139⅜	125¼	Exch	15%	1997	137⅝	10.9 9.338
87¾	77¼	Treas	6¾	1995-98	86⅝	7.8 8.669
105	94¼	Exch	9¾	1998	104⅛	9.3 9.072
145	128¼	Treas	15¼	1998	143⅝	10.6 9.183
121½	105¼	Exch	12%	1998	119⅝	10.0 9.166
105½	93¾	Treas	9½	1998	104⅝	9.1 8.691
122⅛	108¼	Exch	12¼	1998	121⅞	10.0 9.185
111⅛	99¾	Treas	10¼	1998	110⅝	9.5 9.045
110½	97¼	Conv	10½	1998	109⅛	9.4 9.058
130⅜	116½	Treas	13¾	2000	128⅞	10.1 9.192
102½	88¼	Conv	9¾	2000	100⅞	9.2 8.865
108⅜	94¾	Treas	10%	2000	107⅛	9.2 8.645
107½	92⅛	Conv	9¾	2001	106⅛	9.2 8.842
134	120¾	Treas	14%	1998-01	132⅝	10.6 9.280

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

110¾	97¼	Conv	10%	2002	108⅞	9.2 8.913
121¾	106¼	Exch	12%	1998-02	119⅝	10.0 9.154
108⅜	93¼	Treas	9½%	2002	106⅞	9.1 8.970
110¾	94¼	Treas	10%	2003	108⅛	9.2 8.973
138⅛	121¼	Treas	13½%	2000-03	134⅝	10.2 9.184
121	105	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	119⅝	9.8 8.955
110⅝	97¾	Treas	10%	2004	108⅛	9.2 8.927
99⅝	81¼	Fund	5%	1998-04	96⅛	5.0 8.091
106⅞	93¼	Conv	9½	2004	105⅞	9.0 8.997
109⅜	93¼	Conv	9½	2005	105⅞	9.0 8.975
115⅞	99¾	Exch	10½	2005	113⅝	9.2 8.955
117⅝	101¾	Treas	10¾	2003-07	115⅝	9.3 8.896
98⅝	81¼	Treas	6¼	2002-07	96⅞	6.5 8.754
109⅛	93¾	Conv	9½	2008	107⅞	9.0 8.867
140⅝	121¼	Treas	13½	2004-08	138⅞	9.7 8.853
102½	87¾	Treas	9%	2008	101⅛	8.9 8.904
93⅜	80¼	Treas	8%	2008-12	92⅛	8.7 8.841
85¾	73¼	Treas	5%	2008-12	84⅝	5.9 8.546
87⅜	75¼	Treas	6%	2012-15	86⅛	6.9 8.686
133¼	117¾	Exch	12%	2013-17	131⅝	9.1 9.156

UNDATED

45	39¼	Consols	4%		44¼	9.0
34¾	34¼	War Ln	3½			
26¾	24½	Conv	2½			
25¾	24¼	Treas	2½			
25¾	24¼	Consols	2½			
25¾	24¾	Treas	2½			

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139¼	124¾	Treas	2%	1988	135⅝	1.100
114⅝	100¼	Treas	2%	1992	109⅝	1.486
98⅜	90¼	Treas	2%	1996	94⅝	2.389
139⅛	117¼	Treas	2%	1998	133⅝	2.345
131⅛	100¼	Treas	2%	2001	125⅝	3.478
113⅜	88¼	Treas	2%	2006	107⅝	3.477
113⅜	97¼	Treas	2%	2007	107⅝	3.441
113⅜	102¼	Treas	2%	2009	107⅝	3.360
113⅜	85¼	Treas	2%	2011	107⅝	3.318
109⅜	85¼	Treas	2%	2016	103⅝	3.257
109⅜	80¼	Treas	2%	2020	103⅝	3.250
101⅜	80¼	Treas	2%	2024	95⅝	3.268
85¾	80¼	Treas	2%	2024	81⅝	3.268

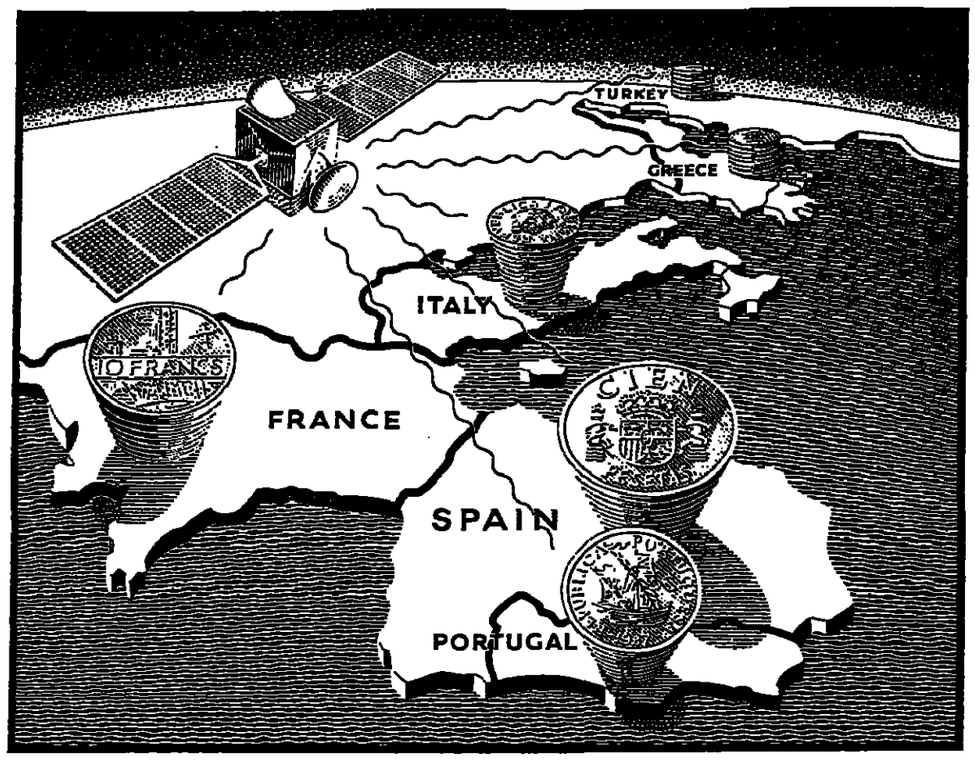
BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	238	Allied Irish	265	268		15.0p		7.2
201	179	Bk New Z	179	183		7.0c		
24¾	20½	Bankamerica	20½	20¾				
117	98	Bank Ireland	98	99		6.0	6.1	
174	144	Bank Of Scotland	144	146		8.0	5.5	
111	95	Barclays	95	96		6.0	6.3	
74	61	Brown Shipley	61	62		3.0	4.8	
115	95	Bk Montreal	95	96		5.0	5.2	
21	16	Bk Nova Scotia	16	16½		0.6	3.7	
77	58	Commercial Bk	58	59		3.0	5.1	
77	58	Deutsche Bank	58	59		3.0	5.1	
111	85	Dunbar & Co	85	86		4.0	4.7	
74	58	Gerrard Nat	58	59		3.0	5.1	
111	85	Hambros	85	86		4.0	4.7	
74	58	Hill Samuel	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Kleinwort Ben	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Lloyds Bk	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Midland Bk	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Nat Westminster	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Royal Bk Canada	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Royal Bk Scotland	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Standard Chart	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Standard Ch Ord	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Trustee Savings	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Ulster Bk	58	59		3.0	5.1	
74	58	Yorkshire Bk	58	59		3.0	5.1	

DRAPERY AND STORES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
288	111	Alexon	288	291	+3	5.7	2.0	18.9
111	85	Amber Day	111	114	+3			
111	85	Associated Fish 'A'	111	114	+3			
111	85	Ashley (Trans)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Ashley (Trans) 'A'	111	114	+3			
111	85	Bentalls	111	114	+3			
111	85	Brick Lane	111	114	+3			
111	85	Ricky Shop	111	114	+3			
111	85	Brown (S)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Burton Gp	111	114	+3			
111	85	Cantors	111	114	+3			
111	85	Carpets Intl	111	114	+3			
111	85	Combined Vnrs (ns)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Combined Vnrs (ns)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Courts	111	114	+3			
111	85	Courtyards	111	114	+3			
111	85	Dixons (Bank)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Dunlop (Rob)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Fine Art	111	114	+3			
111	85	Do 'A'	111	114	+3			
111	85	Fortnum & Mason	111	114	+3			
111	85	Fosseo-Minsep	111	114	+3			
111	85	Freeman Hardy & Willis	111	114	+3			
111	85	Gallenkamp	111	114	+3			
111	85	Gamages	111	114	+3			
111	85	Gieves Gp	111	114	+3			
111	85	Habitat Mothercare	111	114	+3			
111	85	Hall (Robert)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Harrison (Thomas)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Hepworth	111	114	+3			
111	85	Hepworth Wrigley	111	114	+3			
111	85	Hitchens (Harry)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Hodge Gp	111	114	+3			
111	85	Holdings (M)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Holt (Thomas)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Horrocks Miller	111	114	+3			
111	85	Hunt (Edgar)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Jaeger	111	114	+3			
111	85	Jeffries (Basil)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Jenners	111	114	+3			
111	85	Kendall (Wm)	111	114	+3			
111	85	Kenyon Sons & Craven	111	114	+3			
111	85	Kingfisher	111	114	+3			
111	85	Lambert Howarth	111	114	+3			
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111	85	Lilley & Skinner	111	114	+3			
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111	85	Mackays	111	114	+3			
111	85	Marks & Spencer	111	114	+3			
111	85	Marshall Field	111	114	+3			
111	85	Matthews Elect	111	114	+3			
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111	85	Mothercare (Loeb)	111	114	+3			
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111	85	Pollard (Robert) 'FA'	111	114	+3			
111	85	Pollard (Robert) 'FB'	111	114	+3

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NEW EBC AMRO MEDITERRANEAN GROWTH TRUST

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Units will be offered at a 1% discount on a fixed price of 50p per unit until 18th May 1987.

HOW TO INVEST

Complete the application form and send it, together with your cheque made payable to EBC Amro Unit Trust Management Limited, c/o Manchester Unit Trust Administration Company Limited, FREEPOST, Manchester M2 8BL (no stamp required).

The minimum initial lump sum investment is £500. The minimum additional investment is £250.

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If you already have shares you would like to exchange for units in this Trust, please tick the appropriate box on the coupon below.

Remember that the price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contract notes will usually be sent by return of post. You will normally receive a Unit Certificate within six weeks of receipt of your cheque.

An initial charge of 5% is included in the price of the units and an annual charge of 1.25% (plus VAT) of the value of the Trust is deducted from the Trust's income. Prices and yield are quoted daily in the Financial Times and the Daily Telegraph.

Estimated gross current yield is 1.5% at the launch price of 50p per unit. Units may be repurchased at the bid price ruling on receipt of an order to sell. Manager's reports on the Trust will be issued and income will also be distributed annually net of basic rate tax by 15th May each year. Trustee: Midland Bank Trust Company Limited.

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A member of the Unit Trust Association. Remuneration is payable to qualified intermediaries and the rates are available on request.

*on an offer-to-offer basis as at 14.4.87

1% LAUNCH DISCOUNT UNTIL 18TH MAY 1987

EBC AMRO MEDITERRANEAN GROWTH TRUST

APPLICATION FORM

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I/We wish to invest £_____ in units in the EBC Amro Mediterranean Growth Trust at the price ruling on receipt of this application (minimum investment £500). I am/We are over 18.

Please tick relevant box if you require the following:

- ☐ Further information about the EBC Amro Mediterranean Growth Trust.
- ☐ Automatic reinvestment of distributions.
- ☐ Details of the EBC Amro Monthly Savings Plan.
- ☐ Details of the EBC Amro Share Exchange Scheme.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other_____ Surname_____

First Name(s)_____

Address_____

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_____ Postcode_____

Signature_____ Date_____

(Joint applicants must sign and attach names and addresses separately.)

EBC AMRO

TT 25/4/87

FAMILY MONEY / INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Return at tax rates			Min/max		
	27%	45%	60%	Investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Deposit A/c:						
Barclays	4.00	3.01	2.19	1 min	7 day	01-626 1567
Lloyds	4.00	3.01	2.19	1 min	7 day	01-626 1500
National Westminster	4.00	3.01	2.19	1 min	7 day	01-726 1000
Midland	4.00	3.01	2.19	1 min	7 day	01-260 8000
TSB	4.00	3.01	2.19	1 min	7 day	01-600 6000
National Girobank[1]	4.00	3.01	2.19	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:						
National Westminster	6.75	5.09	3.70	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" "	6.38	4.81	3.50	10,000-24,999	3 mth	01-726 1000
" "	6.38	4.81	3.50	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	6.21	4.68	3.40	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
"	6.11	4.60	3.35	10,000-24,999	3 mth	01-260 8000
"	5.93	4.47	3.25	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary A/c[2]	6.00	4.52	3.29	1 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS						
Aitken Hume Monthly Income	6.91	5.21	3.79	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Bank Of Scotland	6.84	5.15	3.75	2,500 min	—	01-628 8060
Barclays High Rate Deposit	6.88	5.18	3.78	1,000 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	7.00	5.27	3.84	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	7.01	5.28	3.85	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Market Plus§	6.50	4.90	3.56	2,000 min	—	01-581 1422
HFC Trust	8.50	6.43	4.69	5,000 min	—	01-236 8391
Henderson Money Mkt Cheq A/c	6.84	5.15	3.75	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Interest Deposit	7.25	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds HICA‡	6.20	4.65	3.39	1,000 min	—	01-626 1500
M&G HICA	6.91	5.20	3.79	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	6.70	5.04	3.67	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	7.00	5.27	3.84	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West High Int Special Res	6.88	5.18	3.78	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	7.00	5.27	3.84	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt A/c	7.05	5.31	3.86	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	7.15	5.39	3.92	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Royl Bank Of Scotland Prem A/c	7.10	5.35	3.90	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Classic	6.75	5.09	3.70	500 min	—	0708 86966
Schroder Wagg	6.96	5.24	3.81	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
" "	7.15	5.39	3.92	10,000 min	—	0705 827733
Tullet & Riley Call	7.19	5.42	3.94	1,000 min	—	01-236 0952
Tullet & Riley 7-day	7.12	5.36	3.90	2,500 min	7 day	01-236 0952
Tyndall Call	7.07	5.33	3.87	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	7.00	5.27	3.84	2,500 min	7 day	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	6.86	5.17	3.76	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	7.01	5.28	3.85	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Investment A/c*	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	8.94	6.74	4.90	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	8.94	6.74	4.90	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
Indexed Income Bond*[3]	5.84	4.40	3.20	5,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200 a mth	14 day	0385 64900
General Extension Rate†	7.50	7.50	7.50			
Retail Prices Index: March	100.6	100.6	100.6			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.56	6.21	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.61	6.30	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.65	6.36	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.69	6.42	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 30488
UK Life[4]	9.20	7.13	5.18	2,000 min	5 yrs	0403 40033
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS[4]						
Northampton	7.15	5.39	3.92	500 min	1 yr	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	5.85	4.27	500 min	2 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	5.85	4.27	500 min	3 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	5.85	4.27	500 min	4 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	5.85	4.27	500 min	5 yrs	01-638 6361
Great Grimsby	7.05	5.31	3.87	1,000 min	6 yrs	01-638 6361
Great Grimsby	7.05	5.31	3.87	1,000 min	7 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	6.48	4.87	3.55	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	6.48	4.87	3.55	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	6.48	4.87	3.55	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-638 6361
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS						
Sterling	8.95	8.95	8.95	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.46	5.46	5.46	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	3.14	3.14	3.14	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.92	2.92	2.92	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.90	6.90	6.90	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	2.38	2.38	2.38	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest Taxable, paid gross †Tax free ‡Higher returns for larger balances §Higher return for balance over £25,000 [1] Other banks may differ [2] Extra interest accounts usually pay 1-2 per cent above ordinary accounts [3] Increased at end of year in line with rate of inflation [4] Returns for higher rate taxpayers may differ Research: Deborah Benn (01-822 9082)

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (Mar. '86 to Mar. '87) +4.0

Mortgage rate 11.25%

Bank base rate 10%

Bank prime overdraft rate* 17% APR

Personal loan rate* 19.6% APR

Credit card rate* 26.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1] 26% APR

Bank deposit account 4%

Building society ordinary account 6%

High-interest cheque account* 7.00%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish pesetas	203
French franc	9.72
Greek drachma	219
Italian lira	2079

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 8494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.05	11.64	+0.01	..
Bear	12.27	12.92	+0.12	..
Owl	14.59	15.36	+0.06	..
Bull	13.66	14.38	+0.07	..
Stag	13.72	14.45	+0.07	..
Gilt Edged	11.87		+0.09	..
Deposit	10.09		+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	12.06	12.70	+0.02	..
Bear	13.96	14.70	+0.18	..
Owl	17.20	18.11	+0.13	..
Bull	15.78	16.62	+0.12	..
Stag	16.03	16.86	+0.11	..
Gilt Edged	12.27		+0.19	..
Deposit	10.48		+0.02	..
Exempt App Mixed	166.7	170.1	+0.82	..
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	207.4	218.4	+0.1	..
Do Accum	289.4	304.7	+0.1	..
Equity Fund Income	133.9	139.8	+0.4	..
Do Accum	133.9	141.0	+0.5	..
Selective Fund	267.5	281.6	+0.7	..
Money Fund	229.8	238.8	+0.3	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	227.7	239.7	+0.1	..
Equity Ser 4	132.6	139.6	+0.4	..
Man Ser 4	382.0	402.2	+1.2	..
Conv Ser 4	203.4	214.2	+0.2	..
Money Ser 4	203.3	214.2	+98.7	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	189.9	199.9	+1.2	..
American Ser 4	269.9	284.2	-2.6	..
High Inc Ser 4	344.0	362.2	+86.1	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	117.1	123.4	+0.3	..
Japan Ser 4	256.5	269.7	-116.0	..
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Dellfield Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	812.7	855.4	+8.1	..
European Fd Accum	214.3	225.5	+2.0	..
Fixed Int Acc	320.6	337.4	+2.1	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	238.3	218.1	+0.3	..
Int Man Fd Acc	358.2	374.9	+7.4	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	195.9	206.2	+0.3	..
Japan Fund	310.0	326.3	+11.1	..
North American Fd Acc	173.2	182.3	+4.1	..
Prop Fd Acc	217.4	228.8	+0.2	..
Multiple Inv Acc	573.4	603.5	+8.5	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	229.9	242.1	+0.3	..
Equity Accum	734.3	775.7	+9.5	..
Property Accum	364.4	384.8	+0.1	..
Far East Accum	182.5	192.2	+4.0	..
Managed Capital	340.2	358.2	+3.4	..
Do Accum	340.3	358.1	+3.4	..
Overseas Accum	482.9	507.4	+2.3	..
Gilt Edged Accum	286.2	304.5	+2.4	..
Amer Equity Accum	382.0	402.2	+8.9	..
Amer Mkt Accum	172.2	182.3	-1.6	..
Amer Prop Accum	121.2	127.8	-0.1	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE				
55-26 Albermarle Street, London W1X 4AD				
01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	311.6	328.0	+8.88	..
Managed Income	141.4	148.8	+3.69	..
International	229.1	241.1	+3.02	..
High Income	194.6	204.8	+4.68	..
Income & Growth	257.3	270.8	+5.54	..
Basic Resource	118.2	125.5	+3.72	..
American	201.2	212.6	+4.04	..
Far Eastern	464.5	488.9	+20.84	..
Smaller Co's	235.4	247.8	-1.26	..
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB				
01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	520.6	548.2	+2.3	..
Do Initial	450.3	474.0	+2.1	..
Gtd Edged Accum	229.1	239.1	+0.9	..
Do Initial	197.2	207.8	+1.8	..
International Accum	301.6	317.5	+3.4	..
Do Initial	261.3	275.1	+2.9	..
Managed Accum	345.2	363.4	+3.2	..
Do Initial	299.6	315.4	+2.8	..
Money Accum	180.2	189.7	..	..
Do Initial	151.3	159.3	..	..
Property Accum	210.7	221.8	..	..
Do Initial	180.9	190.4	..	..
America Accum	185.0	194.8	+1.3	..
Do Initial	163.1	171.7	+1.1	..
Australia Accum	211.5	222.7	+2.8	..
Do Initial	185.2	195.7	+2.4	..
Financial Accum	233.1	245.4	+3.0	..
Do Initial	205.4	216.3	+0.8	..
500 Accum	268.6	284.1	+1.1	..
Do Initial	234.4	246.8	+0.9	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	234.8	247.1	+9.2	..
Do Initial 2	375.4	395.2	+7.8	..
Income Accum	288.9	304.2	+1.2	..
Do Initial	253.4	266.8	+1.0	..
Leisure Accum	178.7	188.0	+0.4	..
Special Sits Accum	150.7	158.7	+0.3	..
Unv Tech Accum	113.7	119.7	+0.4	..
Do Initial	102.6	108.0	+1.2	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
34Bs, High St, Chesham				
0634 405181				
Black Horse Man Fd	433.64			
Managed Inv Fund	261.4	266.2	+4.06	..
Property Fund	187.2	197.1	+0.34	..
Fixed Interest Fund	200.2	210.8	+0.96	..
Cash Fund	172.2	181.3	+0.31	..
Income Fund	408.9	430.5	+1.47	..
Exempt Income Fund	384.4	462.6	+1.66	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	369.4	389.1	+4.68	..
Balanced Fund	369.9	389.4	+3.97	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	492.5	518.4	+3.07	..
Int Technology Fund	361.2	377.5	+4.47	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	229.6	241.7	+1.16	..
Energy Int. Fund	127.7	134.5	+1.18	..
Pacific Basin Fund	299.0	314.8	+3.03	..
CANADA LIFE				
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	180.0			
Managed	197.2	207.6	+1.3	..
Property	129.8	136.7	+0.1	..
Gtd & Fixed Int	145.0	152.7	+0.5	..
Index-Linked	117.1	123.3	+0.6	..
Equity	222.1	233.8	+1.2	..
Cash	141.2	148.7	+0.2	..
Mixed Gtr UT	215.6	227.0	+1.6	..
Mixed Gtr Inv	246.5	259.5	+2.5	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8878				
Equity Units	278.91		+0.58	..
Property Units	222.84			..
Bid Bd Exac Unit	£37.72	39.92	+0.92	..
2nd Equity Accum	374.9	395.8	+2.8	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	338.4	347.5	+3.4	..
2nd Property Accum	257.6	260.5	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	99.1	104.9	+0.2	..
2nd Managed Acc	259.3	265.9	+2.3	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	104.6	110.7	+2.6	..
2nd Deposit Accum	173.4	182.8	+0.2	..
2nd Gilt Accum	192.6	203.8	+0.4	..
2nd Amer Accum	257.1	272.1	+2.0	..
2nd Int Money Ac	198.9	210.5	+0.9	..
2nd Fixed Int Accum	118.0	122.8	-0.4	..
2nd Far East Accum	201.6	213.1	+7.4	..
2nd Global Accum	101.6	107.7	+0.5	..
2nd Euro Accum	106.0	114.3	+0.5	..
2nd Japan Accum	128.3	133.7	+3.4	..
2nd Heritage Acc	98.7	104.4	..	..
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Property Fund	123.2	129.7	..	..
Money Fund	232.9	245.2	+0.1	..
Managed Fund	468.4	493.1	+3.7	..
Equity Fund	310.7	327.1	+3.6	..
Fixed Interest Fund	180.1	189.6	+0.7	..
Far East Fund	238.5	277.4	+2.2	..
Nth Amer Fund	183.5	193.2	+3.9	..
Nat Resources Fund	173.7	182.9	+3.9	..
SUN Fund	192.4	202.5	+2.5	..
PBR Fund	140.8	148.3	..	..
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Assurance Funds				
Mixed	156.9	165.2	+1.2	..
Equity	190.8	200.7	+1.2	..
Property	116.3	121.4	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	123.2	129.7	+1.6	..
Indexed Stcs	102.7	108.2	+0.7	..
Cash	110.8	116.6	..	..
Nth American	118.6	125.1	+0.3	..
Far East	156.8	164.1	+2.9	..
International	138.6	146.2	+1.0	..
Special Sits	181.1	191.1	+1.9	..
Intl Income	164.0	172.7	+0.4	..
European	161.7	170.3	+1.8	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	159.8	168.4	+1.0	..
Equity	176.4	185.7	+0.3	..
Property	119.5	125.8	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	134.3	141.4	+0.5	..
Index Linked	107.5	113.2	+0.7	..
Cash	121.9	128.4	+0.3	..
Nth American	136.8	133.6	+0.4	..
Far East Acc	185.4	195.4	+1.1	..
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Cap LifeEquity	284.9	310.3	..	..
Cap LifeFixed Int	192.7	202.8	..	..
Cap LifeManaged	237.7	250.2	..	..
Cap LifeProperty	257.4	270.9	..	..
CML(Pen)Cash Cap	125.6	132.3	+2.65	..
CML(Pen)Dash Inv	140.7	148.2	+3.04	..
CML(Pen)Equ Cap	529.7	557.6	-1.09	..
CML(Pen)Equ Inv	569.4	624.7	-0.73	..
CML(Pen)Fxd Cap	214.3	225.6	+3.09	..
CML(Pen)Fxd Inv	240.1	252.7	+3.92	..
CML(Pen)Indx Cap	130.4	137.2	-1.84	..
CML(Pen)Indx Inv	146.9	153.7	-1.96	..
CML(Pen)Man Cap	317.2	333.9	-2.74	..
CML(Pen)Man Inv	355.3	374.1	-2.82	..
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3				
01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	321.78			
Var Ann (5)	81.16			
Prime- Managed	286.0	286.1	+2.0	..
Prime- UK Equity	298.3	314.0	+3.1	..
Prime- Int Equity	224.7	236.5	+1.4	..
Prime- Property	127.3	134.1	+0.1	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	153.5	161.6	+1.2	..
Prime- Index-Linked	104.5	110.0	+0.2	..
Prime- Cash	126.2	132.9	+0.2	..
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Life Equity Accum	447.7	471.2	+2.4	..
Life Money Accum	184.9	189.3	..	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	458.1	482.2	..	..
Life Intl Accum	382.4	402.5	+2.4	..
Life High Inc Accum	258.1	271.7	+1.6	..
Life Property Accum	184.2	193.9	-1.6	..
Crown Smlr Inv A		508.0	..	..
Crown Smlr Inv	998.1	998.6	..	..
Brown Equity	216.3	227.6	..	..
DBS Managed	343.0	356.7	..	..
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UK Opportunity	118.5	125.4	+1.5	..
Euro Opportunity	110.1	116.5	+1.5	..
North Amer Opp	101.6	107.5	+1.4	..
Far East Opp	118.7	117.1	..	..
Managed Fund	148.6	154.5	+2.0	..
Gtd Prop Series 1	100.0	105.8	+0.2	..
Gtd Prop Series 2				..
Fixed Int	103.3	109.3	+0.2	..
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Managed Pens	345.8	349.9	..	..
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Property Fund	270.1	284.3	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	250.0	263.1	+0.5	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	169.4	178.3	+0.3	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	181.4	190.9	+0.3	..
Nth America Fund	253.8	268.9	+2.8	..
Far East Fund	316.8	333.2	+5.0	..
Europe Fund	225.0	236.8	+3.0	..
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Stewardship	167.7	176.5	+0.7	..
Overseas Equity	191.1	201.7	+1.7	..
North American	95.8	100.9	+1.1	..
Pacific Basin	117.1	123.3	+2.4	..
European	102.6	107.9	+1.0	..
Property	142.2	149.7	+2.1	..
Fixed Interest	137.2	144.5	+0.9	..
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International	113.2	119.1	+1.4	..
American	93.7	98.6	+1.4	..
Japan	163.2	169.3	+3.5	..
Japan Smlr Co's	111.1	116.9	+1.5	..
European	107.9	113.6	..	..
Pacific Fund	97.8	102.7	+0.7	..
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Portfolio Fd Acc	467.1		+1.7	..
Do Init	334.5		+1.0	..
Do Inv a	467.0	491.6	+1.2	..
UK Equity	241.4	254.2	+1.2	..
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The billion pound success

UNIT TRUSTS

Record-breaking sales figures for unit trusts are becoming the norm. This week, the Unit Trust Association announced that gross sales in March had amounted to £1.2 billion, that is almost double the figure recorded for the corresponding period last year. Net new investment, at £635.4 million, was the third highest on record.

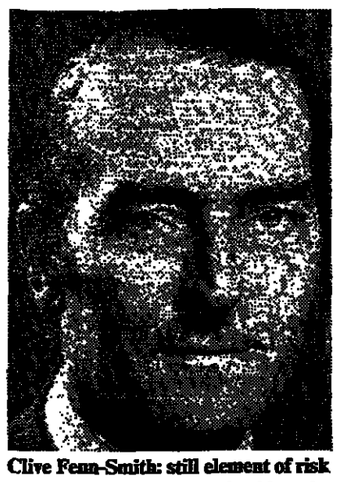
At the same time, the value of funds under management has reached £38.8 billion — an increase of more than 55 per cent in the last year — and the number of unit holders has risen by over a million in the last 12 months to stand at 3.7 million.

Clive Fenn-Smith, the outgoing chairman of the association, attributes the scale of this rise in account-holders to the amount of attention which has been focused on the benefits of equity investment through privatizations and to the impressive performance of the equity markets. But, in respect of the latter, he is keen to remind investors that there is an element of risk; prices can go down as well as up.

He also believes that the growing popularity of unit trusts is an indication *of the association's success in putting* across the message. In a further effort to help would-be investors understand unit trusts, it has updated the booklet, *Everything You Need To Know About Unit Trusts*, first introduced last autumn.

The booklet is 40 pages long and includes explanations of the different types of funds, the charging structure and the tax treatment. It also has a set of tables giving various details such as the range of funds on offer, minimum investment requirements, dividend payment dates and whether or not there is a regular savings scheme.

Different types of funds and the tax treatment



Clive Fenn-Smith: still element of risk

Anyone wanting a copy should send a stamped addressed envelope (30p second-class, 40p first-class) to the Unit Trust Association, PO Box 8, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 7AT.

Useful as this book is, however, it will probably soon become outdated, and the association will have a new educational task on its hands. Last August, the Department of Trade and Industry produced a consultative document, *The Regulation of Authorised Unit Trust Schemes*, detailing proposals for the future of the unit-trust industry. The main aims were: to rationalize the existing requirements for authorization, to identify the changes needed after the EC Council Directive in 1985 for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities — the Directive lays down common minimum standards for authorization and regulation of schemes, and to extend the scope and operation of unit trusts.

In this review, it was proposed that investment rules for existing funds should be relaxed, providing greater scope for investment in the unlisted securities market and unquoted securities. Freer use of traded options and the facility to invest in financial futures was also recommended. It was also proposed that borrowing of up to 10 per cent of the value of the fund should be allowed.

Four new types of fund were also envisaged: money-market funds, property funds, commodity funds and mixed funds.New rules for calculating prices were included, whereby the existing bid and offer prices which result in a spread, would be replaced by a single price based on the mid-market values, with the addition or deduction of buying/selling charges.

The DTI also recommended that the rules concerning the issue and redemption of units should be tightened. And, to make sure that any new rules are adhered to, it was suggested that the Trustee's role should be strengthened.

After the publication of the document, the *unit trust industry was given only* until the end of September to pass comment. At present, the DTI is drawing up a set of draft regulations under the Financial Services Act. Clive Fenn-Smith announced on Tuesday that these will be published in June.

Tony Smith, the secretary of the association, believes that the draft regulations, which should be effective by next year, "will mirror more or less what was forecast in the consultative document". However, he hopes that both the proposed changes on the pricing structure and the recommendation for a minimum fund size are dropped. On the *price of units, he considers the present* system much fairer.

Draft will mirror what was forecast

The general opinion is that the DTI will include in its draft regulations the *four new types of unit trust. However, it* is expected that these funds will not be known as "unit trusts".

Amanda Pardoe

Lloyds closing

Lloyds Bank's fixed-rate mortgage offer ended this weekend. The bank had allocated £500 million for mortgages, charging a fixed rate of 10.2 per cent, until June 30 1990. Though this had been taken up by 22 April, Lloyds agreed to take applications conditionally until the close of business today at Saturday opening branches, but there is no guarantee that these last-minute applications will be accepted. By yesterday, the bank had granted 10,500 mortgages, averaging £48,000 each.

Winding up

The Department of Trade and Industry has presented a petition for the compulsory winding-up of an Edinburgh-based securities dealer, Walter L. Jacob and Co Ltd. The court has appointed the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator pending the hearing of the petition on June 3. Earlier this month, disciplinary procedings against the company were started by the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association.

Britannia move

The Britannia Building Society has extended its travellers cheque service to non-members. Both Sterling and US dollar American Express travellers cheques are available. Non-members must pay in cash, and the commission charged is 1 per cent, with a minimum of £2. American Express Sterling travellers cheques will be cashed free of charge for non-members at any branch, whereas a fee of 1 per cent (minimum £2) is levied on those denominated in dollars.

EBC's Med fund

EBC Amro Unit Trust Management has launched a Mediterreanean Growth unit trust. Initially 40 per cent of the fund will be invested in Spain, 20 per cent in France and 20 per cent in Italy. The rest will be divided between Portugal and to a lesser extent Greece and Turkey. Minimum investment is £500, initial charge is 5 per cent and the annual management fee 1.25 per cent. There is a discount of 1 per cent until May 18.

Securities board changes its rules

The Securities and Investments Board (SIB) announced a number of amendments to its draft rule book on Wednesday.

The changes, which are incorporated in a revised rule book, were made in response to the reactions of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Paul Channon, and the criticisms levelled by Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading.



Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry: accepted Securities and Investments Board proposals

As a result of the changes, it has been made clear that independent intermediaries will have to disclose how much commission they receive for recommending a life-assurance policy or unit trust.

However, it will be up to the customer to inquire — the broker is not obliged to volunteer the information.

The rule book has also been amended to ease the financial burden on smaller intermediaries who do not handle client monies.

Among the changes announced, most of which are of a technical nature, there was no alteration to the rules concerning polarisation.

Polarization, as it was explained in Family Money last month, means the rigid distinction between people who sell the unit trusts and insurance products of just one company, and independent advisers who sell the products of a number of different companies.

The SIB favours polarization, because it means that the customer will know exactly which type of service is being offered. But the banks, supported by Sir Gordon, are opposed to polarization.

However, Mr Channon, as expected, has accepted SIB's proposals. On Wednesday, he laid a draft order before Parliament delegating his powers under the Financial Services Act to the SIB as the approved City regulatory body.

The order will now be debated and it is likely to become effective by June. The system of supervised self regulation set up under the *Financial Services Act should* then come into force by the end of the year.

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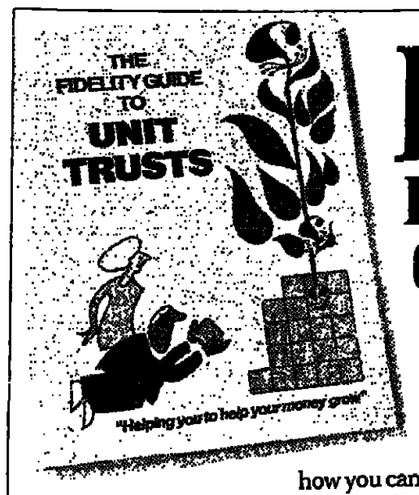
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Puffing up for charity

Charities all over the UK will almost certainly be in for a handsome boost to their funds, thanks to the investment skills of the contestants in The Holborn Great Investment Race.

Sponsors of the race are Prudential Unit Trust Managers, who last September advanced an interest-free loan of £210,000. This was divided by Charity Projects between six different teams of investment managers.

The aim of the race is to raise money for the mentally handicapped, disabled, the homeless and people suffering from drug and alcohol abuse.

Each team was lent £35,000 to set up and manage a portfolio of investments. The race will end after 12 months, on September 23,1987, when each of the team's portfolios will be sold, and any profits will be donated to Charity Projects.

Under the Stock Exchange regulations, the managers are obliged to deduct their usual fee; however, a number of contestants have already indicated that at the end of the race, they will make a donation equal to the fees.

Last month, the race reached the half-way mark, and on Thursday this week, the Prudential announced the results as at April 16. These put Fidelity Investment Services in the lead, having increased their £35,000 to £164,513.

Prudential Portfolio Managers come a close second with £152,999 and stockbrokers Hoare Govett are third with £104,958. The portfolios of the other contestants, Edinburgh-based stockbrokers Bell Lawrie, the Japanese investment house Nomura International and London stockbrokers L Messel & Co, all showed a very commendable performance, with valuations ranging from just under £49,000 to over £57,000. The total value of the six portfolios is £582,000, which means a



profit of £372,000 over and above the initial stake.

Of the money raised at the end of the race, 30 per cent will go to the Home Farm Trust, which provides homes for the mentally handicapped, and 20 per cent will go to Shape, an organization which is working for greater access to the arts for both mentally and physically handicapped people. The other 50 per cent will be divided between around 50 organizations selected by Charity Projects.

International fund opens

■ Wardley Unit Trust Managers launched an International Income Trust yesterday, the object of which is to combine income with capital appreciation. The fund will be invested in equities throughout the world, as well as convertibles, bonds and gilts.

The portfolio will be invested primarily in equities and convertibles. Initially 31 per cent will be in the UK, 18 per cent elsewhere in Europe, 15 per cent in North America and 13 per cent in the Pacific Basin, including Australia. The remainder will be held in fixed-interest securities, mainly in the UK, with some exposure to Australia. The fund managers expect that there will be 30 to 40 holdings in all.

The minimum investment is £1,000; subsequent additions of £100 or more can be made. There is an initial charge of 5 per cent and an annual management fee of 0.75 per cent. Net income will be distributed half-yearly, with the first payment coming on 28 February 1988.

The offer period runs until 18 May, during which Wardley is offering seven-day dealing for the first time. The offer price is 25p throughout this period. Larger investments made before May 18 will receive a discount, ranging from 1 per cent on sums of £2,000 to £4,999, to 2 per cent on investments of £10,000 or more.

Theft claims up

■ The Association of British Insurers has announced a dramatic rise in the payouts made by insurance companies for theft claims.

Total claims in 1986 amounted to £375.2 million, more than double the 1981 figure. Though the largest percentage increase was in the cost of thefts from commercial and industrial premises, the cost of property stolen from people's homes reached nearly £250 million, that is, 13.9 per cent higher than in 1985.

The association says that the cost of each claim has risen faster than inflation, and the number of claims has increased. The association urges people to be more vigilant and to take steps to safeguard their property, by improving locks on doors and windows. Apart form the heartache and inconvenience, bigger claims



payouts will ultimately mean higher insurance costs for policyholders.

New account

■ In response to a growing demand for regular, accessible income from its customers, the West Bromwich Building Society has introduced a new monthly income option on its Premium Share Plus account to replace the quarterly income option.

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For the thinker

The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group has launched the Grindlays Capel-Cure International Fund, an open-ended investment company registered in Luxemburg. The managers are Guernsey-based, and the investment advisers are Capel-Cure Myers.

The fund consists of a series of "thinkers' portfolios". Investors will be able to select from three different currencies – Sterling, US$ or Swiss francs. They will also be able to select the level of risk and potential reward – again, they will be offered a choice of three – a low-risk, balanced or growth portfolio.

Fred Carr, a director of the fund, states that it has "been designed to be an investment-management service rather than just a fund." Capel-Cure Myers considered the possibility of launching a traditional umbrella fund, but did not want to leave investors the task of making geographic asset switching decisions themselves. The fund is aimed at substantial investors who like to keep abrest of their investments. Every month, clients of the fund will be sent a detailed review of the stock markets and a description of the changes made to each portfolio.

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Insurers set up financial advice link

The Campaign for Independent Financial Advice (Camifa) has appointed Sir Richard Powell, former Permanent Secretary at the Board of Trade and past President of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, as chairman.

A group of life-assurance companies decided to form Camifa at the end of last year.

The primary aim of the 14 companies, which include big names such as Norwich Union and Scottish Widows, is to persuade investors to use independent financial advice, thereby supporting the financial intermediaries who want to remain independent when the Financial Services Act comes into operation.

The motivation behind Camifa is the life offices' belief that genuinely independent financial advisers are necessary for the consumer seeking the "best advice" and for the development of a dynamic life-assurance and pensions industry.

But their interest, of course, is not entirely altruistic, as Sir Richard readily admits.

The companies have traditionally relied on a flow of business from independent intermediaries, and one of their concerns is that the cost of remaining independent and the legal requirements with which they will have to comply may persuade them to change and join one of the direct selling insurance groups.

If this were to happen, the amount of business transacted for the members of Camifa would be significantly reduced.

The campaign members have now begun a £6.5 million programme aimed at supporting independent financial advisers. The bulk of this will be spent on advertising and setting up a campaign office.

In June, Camifa is sponsoring 300 seminars for intermediaries across the country. At the same time, it will launch a big TV and radio advertising campaign.

It also plans to set up a database to provide independent advisers with an up-to-date list of all the policies on offer. This is scheduled to come into operation this summer.



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FAMILY MONEY/3

Claret, still an investment to age beautifully

WINE

You should invest selectively in 1986 claret, says CONAL GREGORY, Master of Wine

Claret is by far the most consistent and widely sold of all the investment wines. Increasingly, it is bought both for later consumption — personal and boardroom — and subsequent resale.

The arrival of a new vintage and the opportunity to buy at opening prices form a crucial stage in the investment cycle. The 1986 crop in Bordeaux was large and followed a substantial 1985 harvest.It has yielded Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc wines — the backbone of the Médoc — with real style, but with a very *variable output for the Merlot* grape.

This means fewer good wines in St Emilion and Pomerol (where Merlot is so significant), and a need overall for careful selection. The whole vintage does not have a "buy" sign as at this time after the 1978.



'The year 1986 is a claret-lover's vintage'

"Nineteen-eighty-six is a claret-lover's vintage with the Cabernets promising to be soft and elegant," says Nigel Baring, of the company that bears his name. He compares the Médoc wines of last year with both 1962 and 1971, both overshadowed by the year before them and fulfilling much more than their early critics imagined.

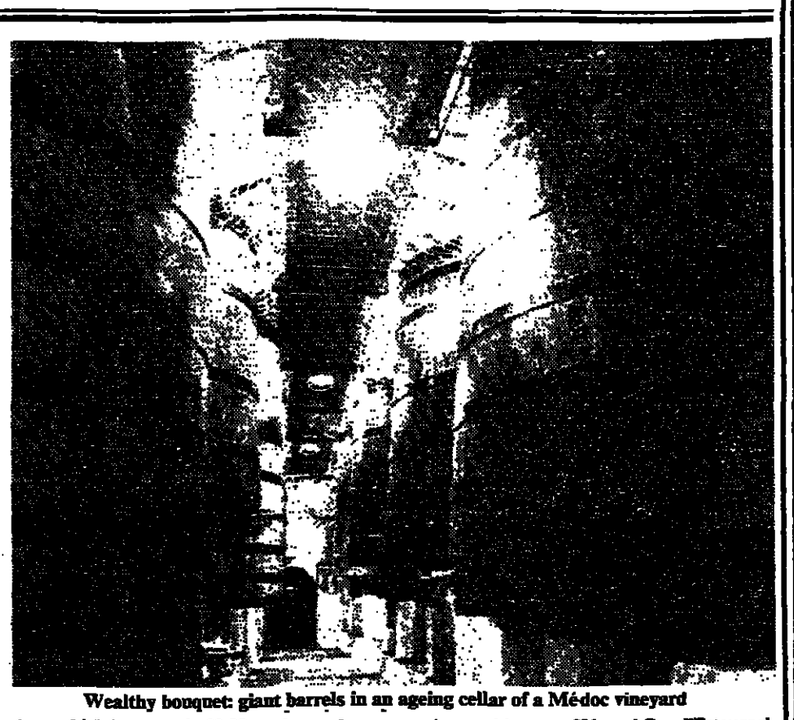
The offers now being made on 1986 show both a wide price variation and alternative methods for purchase. Simon Farr of Bibendum (113 Regents Park Road, London NW1) considers there is no *need to rush with large stocks* of past years in France, the UK and United States. He commends buying 1983 and 1985 known-quality clarets but says that certain 1986s are striking, commending paricularly Vieux Château Certan, and describing this noted Pomerol as "an absolute cracker".

That points to the danger of missing fine estates which, after critical appraisal on a public scale, can increase noticeably by the time second offers are made. Since the investment market for *Cru Classé* in the United States is depressed with the volume of 1980-83 vintages, the Bordelais are placing about one-fifth to one-quarter on the market.

Several factors help the investor now for 1986 clarets. The *négociants* in Bordeaux have had to reduce their commission, which was 20 to 30 per cent last year on the grounds that they were funding the 1984 crop.

Though sterling has weakened from about 10.60 francs to 9.83 francs today, the producers have reduced their prices realistically. As a dramatic example, Château Lafite-Rothschild opened this Tuesday at 205 francs a bottle against 300 francs for the initial 1985, in both cases brokers' quotations.

Where prices are known, Lay and Wheeler (6, Culver Street West, Colchester, Essex CO1 1JA) are quoting ex-cellars Bordeaux, such as Palmer at £181.68 and D'Angludet £64.44, both per dozen bottles. After May 31, the prices rise to £191.28 and £67.92 respectively. To these sums need to be added excise duty, which is currently £8.82, shipping of around £3.50, and VAT at the then prevailing rate.



Wealthy bouquet: giant barrels in an ageing cellar of a Médoc vineyard

For estates tasted by Lay and Wheeler's buying director, John Thorogood, but not yet definitely known in price, the firm issues an estimate and will give a 5 per cent discount off the actual level.

In this connection, it has a good list which includes Clos



Highly exciting is the dessert Bordeaux of 1986

d'Estournel from St Estèphe (£150-£165), fifth Cru Pauillac Lynch Bages (£145-£160), and Grand Puy Lacoste (£130-£138), Léoville-Barton from St Julien (£105-£115), Second Cru Pauillac like Pichon — Longueville-Lalande (£150-£165), and First Growth Château Margaux (£310-£330).

Though not so keen on St Emilion in 1986, Richard Wheeler, chairman of Lay and Wheeler, does offer the good value Grand Puy-Lescours at £45-£55, again per dozen bottles.

Nigel Baring and Co (11 Stanhope Place, London, W2 2HH) offers a restricted but interesting range of last year's Bordeaux, such as Gloria at £67. Their prices are quoted lying in bond in London for a minimum one-dozen bottle order.

For the first time he is experimenting with two payment methods for First Growth Mouton Rothschild: either payment with order of £298 (compared to £380 for the opening price of the 1985) or half-payment of £162 now and the same sum, making a total of £324, when delivery is expected in late January, 1989.

John Dudbridge of S H Jones (27 High Street, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 8EW) has recently returned from Bordeaux and is particularly excited by the dessert Bordeaux of 1986. *Botrytis Cinerea*, the prerequisite for fine Sauternes to give real richness, was evident last year, and in consequence they have a concentration that is lacking on the 1985s. He expects to see a fall of some 10 per cent on the opening prices of 1986 clarets by comparison with '85.

Nick Clark, of Haynes Hanson and Clark (17 Lettice Street, London, SW6 4EH), says all the Bordeaux Estates are opening later than they saw for the 1985 vintage. His firm has a detailed and helpful assessment for any serious investor, and expects to have a full list by early June.

Nicholas Davies of the Hungerford Wine Co (128 High Street, Hungerford, Berks, RG17 0DL) specializes in Bordeaux and has made a reputation for offering at opening prices. Unable to resist the delay any longer, he has produced an extensive list with estimates based on the opening levels in 1985, exchange rate differences, and proprietors' intentions at the time of his visit.

Hungerford Wine's firm prices include Lafite at £325, Mouton-Rothschild, £295, Palmer £175, and Haut-Bages-Liberal at £63. Estimates include Ausone, £382, Figeac, £156, Canon, £159, and Cheval-Blanc, £339, in St Emilion. In the Médoc, they estimate Lynch-Bages, £128, Pichon-Lalande, £166, Langoa-Barton, £91, and Cos-d'Estournel, at £136. In the Graves, Haut Bailly is estimated at £109, and the famous La Mission Haut-Brion at £261.

These prices are per dozen bottles for invoicing at the end of April with payments in 10 days and the stock is handled by a separate trust company.

Two investment tips: purchase some in larger-size bottles as they increase markedly at auction and cost only an extra £2.75 to £3.50 a case of six magnums or £12 for double magnums (and £21 for three Imperials, each equivalent to six litres). Secondly, ensure all wines are insured at replacement value, not at purchase price in the event of any loss.

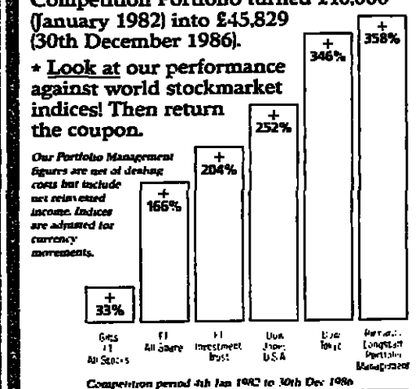
Among those making 1986 offers shortly are Paten, whose subsequent storage is only £2.20 a case plus VAT (The Maltings, 49 Aldermans Drive, Peterborough), Tanners Wines (26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, Salop, SY1 1XD), which will include Palmer, Ducru-Beaucaillou, Chasse-Spleen, and Cissac, and Ellis, Son, and Vidler (57 Cambridge Street, London SW1V 4PS).

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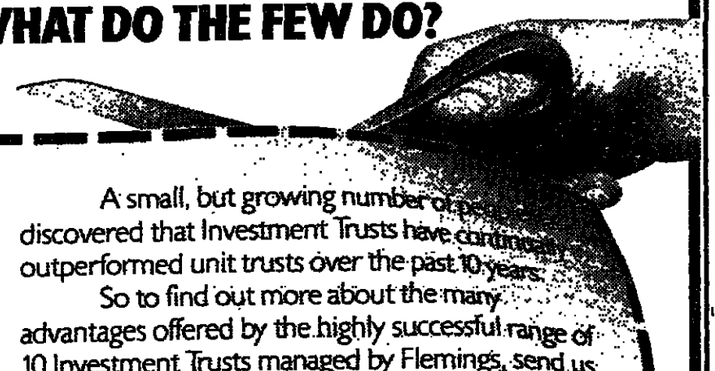
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One could go on . . . and on. As a declaration of interest, however, the story so far should be enough to show that do-it-yourself practitioners divide clearly into two leagues: the Blackandecker brigade and the Bunglers, those who can do it themselves and those who cannot. Radically different is the picture presented by the expanding DIY industry – a sprawling agglomeration of materials manufacturers, home centres, 100,000-item warehouse superstores ("big sheds", as they say in the trade), hardware shops and publishers of how-to books and magazines.

They would mostly have you believe there is *nothing* the five-thumbed homeowner cannot do, from bricklaying to car body-spraying, central-heating installation and complete re-wiring.

To persuade you, suppliers ream out statistics. One gem of a survey has portrayed a nation of home-improvers industriously hammering, sawing, painting, plastering, tiling, draught-excluding and generally renovating; but closer inspection suggests apparently more adults doing DIY jobs than there are homes to improve.

Their credibility unchecked by reliable independent figures, these promotional essays succeed in goading idle or guilty consciences. They have also had the effect of grossly overselling the practicable and money-saving merits of DIY (or MIY, Muck It Up Yourself, in the words of more than one healthily self-critical bungler).

This realization is emerging in several different ways. The casualty list, for example; home accidents resulting from DIY activity are alarmingly significant, especially in relation to amateur electrical repairs and glazing.

During the latest year for which Home Office records were available, electrical faults led to 71 deaths, 915 injuries and almost 16,900 house fires. In most cases, householders were responsible.

The tobacco-tin junction box, the illegally bypassed meter and the blown fuse mended with silver foil are pertinent examples of how NOT to do it yourself. Wrong-gauge glazing is certainly among the complex causes of 22,000 annual glass-related domestic accidents.

Then there are the anti-DIY warnings issued by vested-interest groups, not to protect their skills monopoly so much as to safeguard consumers from the dangers and costly consequences of their own over-ambitious efforts.

One such caveat went out recently from the Heating and Ventilating Contractors' Association (HVCA).

John Boler of the association explained: "Though it is work which turns out to be quite profitable, our member-companies are saddened by the number of cases where they have to go into houses to put right the mistakes of other people, and to complete central-heating installations which have been started but cannot be completed, and have meanwhile left the house upside-down for months on end."

Can you draw up detailed specifications that include accurate calculations of heat loss and ventilation rates? Do you know how to handle a blow-lamp in confined spaces? Can you give up three months of weekend and evening spare-time? Will you be happy with a self-installed system carrying no guarantees? If the answer to any of these is "No", HVCA's advice is to think twice before trying to do it yourself.

"There is," says Mr Boler, "an inclination for the DIY magazines to make out the whole thing is simpler than it really is." The Motor Agents Association says that car maintenance, servicing and repairs are similarly best left to experts, because the average level of DIY performance is not good enough and contributes to high failure rates in MOT tests and roadside spot-checks – 38 per cent in each case. Garages are sometimes to blame, too – but satisfaction levels are rising, the MAA adds.

Also to be avoided is DIY on those "heavy" home jobs. "No DIY-er should attempt structural work involving brick, stone, timber, or the roof", advises the Federation of Master Builders, whose members are sometimes hired to complete or correct DIY jobs.

The federation makes a similar stricture about heating, ventilating, lighting, plumbing and, with particular emphasis, dry-rot treatment – without specialist knowledge, affected areas will be missed and the way paved for structural problems later on.

The trade associations are not alone in seeking a better balance. The quality DIY publications are adopting a more sensible, responsible approach.

Says John McGowan, editor of *Do It Yourself* magazine: "Ten years ago, we would have had an article of 1,000 words on putting in central heating yourself. That was silly. We now take a subject and cover it thoroughly so the person can go and do the job. We don't set jobs beyond their limits."

Mr McGowan measures all DIY jobs on a 1-to-10 scale that graduates from painting a door to central heating and re-tiling; there is, he continues, a "vast fall-off" in the amount of work undertaken by DIY enthusiasts beyond level 7 (fitted wardrobes).

In one year, Trading Standards Department and Citizens' Advice Bureaux received 24,703 complaints about building services – the largest single category of consumer dissatisfactions. Also well up the list were car and electrical appliance servicing/repairs.

Yet the necessity that mainly nurtures DIY is financial. How worthwhile DIY is depends on many factors: the complexity of the job, your own capabilities, level of interest and how highly you value your leisure-time, where you live, whether you already possess tools and accessories and what opportunities exist to buy materials cheaply.

Unless natural aptitude enables you to learn the requisite skills through reading or evening classes, the best alternative for ensuring the job is done properly and the value of your home therefore maintained/increased, is to engage "a little man".

To avoid cowboys, go on recommendations, not local advertisements or the telephone directory. A skilled tradesman may want £14 an hour, but you will find someone competent for far less. Home improvements generally qualify for purpose-designed or personal bank loans.

With painting and decorating, generally considered the best area of DIY endeavour, and certainly the most popular, the savings on home-grown jobs can be minimal.

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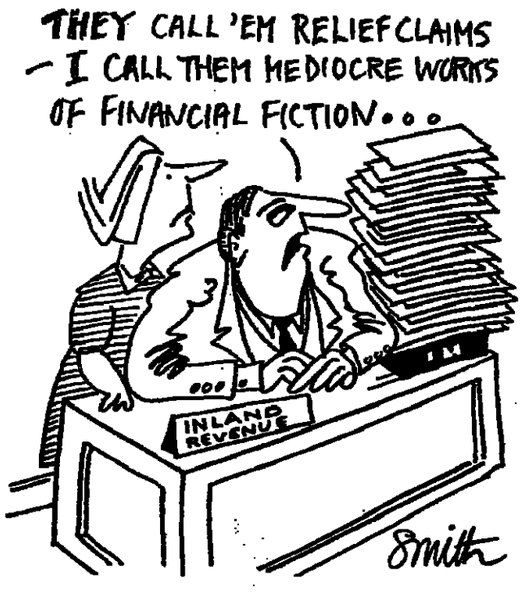
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TAX

April 5 saw the end of income tax year 1986/87 and tax liabilities for the year are finally coming home to roost. Fortunately options, albeit limited, may still be available to secure a tax repayment or to reduce the bill from the tax man. DAVID TRILL, partner in Moores & Rowland, advises on four areas of particular interest



Pensions: For the self-employed or employee in a non-pensionable job, there is the ability to pay premiums to Inland Revenue-approved retirement annuity contracts (or after January 3, 1988 to "personal pension schemes").

Premiums are fully tax-deductible up to certain percentages of the individual's "net relevant earnings" (NRE), ie, the net profit from the self-employment (after deducting business charges and capital allowances) or salary from the job (including bonuses and taxable benefits in kind – but from April 6, 1987 for "personal pensions," excluding taxable share perquisites and termination payments).

The percentage limit is 17½ per cent of NRE, but higher percentages are permitted for older individuals – from April 6, 1987 these are:

Age at beginning of tax year	%
51 to 55	20.0
56 to 60	22.5
61 or more	27.5

Before April 6 1987, the higher percentage simply depended on the individual's date of birth, ranging from 20 per cent for people born during 1933 to 32½ per cent for people born 1907 and earlier.

Where an individual pays a qualifying premium during an income-tax year, he or she has certain options available.

For example, tax relief may be taken in the tax year of payment or the individual may before the end of the year (but in practice extended by the Revenue to 5 July in the following tax year) elect for all, or part of the premium to be treated as paid in the preceding tax year (and not in the actual year of payment), or if he had no NRE in that year, in the year preceding that.

Up to 50 per cent as a deduction

This gives flexibility and enables unused relief for the earlier year to be utilized directly.

However, in addition to the maximum percentage deduction, any unused relief for the six years preceding the tax year of payment (or "deemed payment") may also be taken in that year provided that the percentage deduction has been wholly utilized first (see example, top right).

Business expansion scheme (BES): The Chancellor introduced a useful carry-back relief in his Budget statement this year. From April 6 1987 an investor in a qualifying BES company will have the option to elect for up to 50 per cent of his investment to be allowed as an income tax deduction in the preceding income tax year, the balance of relief being given in the year of subscription.

The maximum carry-back is £5,000 (on an investment of £10,000 or more), although maximum BES relief available in any one year remains at £40,000 (including any carry back relief) and there is a requirement that the shares must be issued before October 6 in the income tax year.

For example, Pamela, a salaried 60 per cent taxpayer, invests £20,000 on August 1 1987 in a qualifying BES company. Having made no previous BES investments, she elects for £5,000 to be related back to 1986/87 and in due course will receive a tax repayment of £3,000 (£5,000 at 60 per cent) the remaining relief of £15,000 being given in 1987/88 either by way of a coding adjustment or by direct repayment after April 5 1988.

Wife's earnings election: Married couples should consider whether to make an election for the "separate taxation" of the wife's earnings for 1986/87, although this is unlikely to be beneficial unless combined joint incomes exceed £26,520.

Where an election is in force, husband and wife are taxed as though they were single people (each receiving the single persons allowance) although the husband continues to be assessed on both his own and his wife's investment income – however, as the wife is taxed as a single woman her earnings (after deduction of her own charges, interest payments and losses) are taxed at her tax rates, and not at the higher rates applicable when aggregated with her husband's income.

It can result in better cash flow

An election for 1986/87 must be made no later than April 5 1988, although the time limit may be extended in exceptional cases of personal difficulty. Separate calculations should be made in each case to establish whether a claim is beneficial.

New business losses: Losses incurred during the first four years of a newly commenced trade profession or vocation (whether carried on as sole proprietor or partner) may on election be carried back against the individual's total income for the three income tax years preceding the year of loss, the relief being given against the earliest year first.

Many businesses incur losses during the start-up period and the provisions can provide a welcome addition to cash flow, particularly to a high-salary earner who perhaps has relinquished (or lost) his or her job. And income-tax repayments generally carry the bonus of a tax-free repayment supplement, accruing at 9 per cent a year and which was as high as 12 per cent from 6 December 1982.

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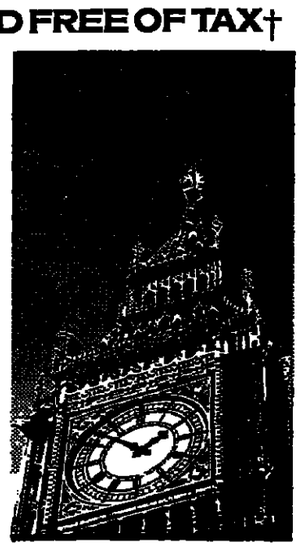
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Agenda

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2. Allocation of the profit available for dividend.

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3. Ratification of the actions of the Board of Management for 1986.

4. Ratification of the actions of the Supervisory Board for 1986.

5. Election of auditors for the financial year 1987.

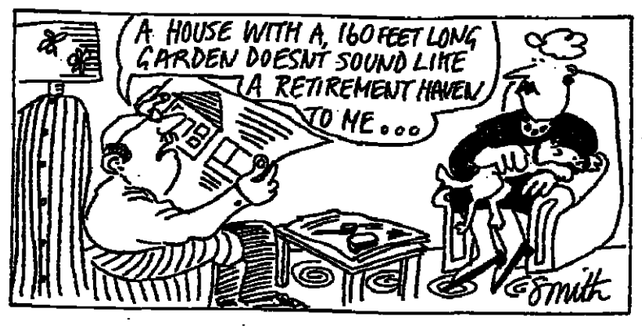
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Starting late on the home front



Buying a home is, in some respects, like taking out a pension scheme. The earlier the decision is made the better. The problem is how to afford it when you begin late.

Even if you have postponed the decision to buy, a mortgage is still possible at the age of 50-plus. Financial institutions are all eager to lend. The difficulty is that unless you have a large deposit, the repayments will be high.

The "tied" worker, the expatriate and the council tenant, can tackle this age barrier in different ways. But all should look at the option of interest-only loans. These come cheaper than a repayment mortgage because no repayment of the sum borrowed is made

. Property values tend to rise over the years, and are likely to continue to do so, if at a slower rate. So although an interest - only mortgage will pay nothing off the sum borrowed, there is likely to be some equity capital in the home by the time the owner reaches pension age.

> A worry is whether you can get the property back

Expatriates and tied workers should aim to buy a property while they are working and living elsewhere. They can then let it until their working accommodation ends and they need their own roof. The rent received may not cover the outgoings, but will at least help to pay off the mortgage.

You can claim tax relief on the mortgage interest. The purchase is classed as your "main residence" even if by reason of your occupation you are forced to live elsewhere. Income tax is payable on the rent received. Deductions for agent's charges are allowable, as are other expenses such as refurbishment and repairs.

The big worry for non-resident landlords is not so much in getting the rent, but whether they can get their property back when they need it. It is a wise precaution to consult a solicitor, and/or take out legal expenses insurance.

There are some exceptions to the general rule that self-contained houses or flats let by non-resident landlords create regulated and thereby lifelong tenancies.

If you let for a fixed term of one to five years and keep to certain conditions, you can get your property back at the end of the agreed period.

London properties have now been brought into line with those outside the London area in that such fixed-term lettings or "shortholds" do not need rent registration before a tenancy begins.

Mandatory possession is also given for returning home-owners. They must live in the accommodation before letting it and give written notice to the tenant that the property might be recovered.

A home bought for retirement can also be let and recovered when the owner gives up regular employment. Here again, notice must be given before the start of any tenancy that possession will be required.

These provisions help tied workers whose retirement may be earlier than the state pension age. They are also helpful to returning expatriates and service personnel.

Holiday or company lets are not a good proposition for owners abroad. The former need constant attention, though they might suit tied workers living nearby. Company lets need to be of a very high standard in a "desirable" area, and so they have a price tag that usually puts them out of reach.

A more convenient way of letting is to an educational establishment that rents it out on behalf of the owner. King's College, London, operates such a scheme.

In Scotland, Edinburgh University's Student University Service takes houses and flats on lease from private owners and relets to its own tenants. Management is by the university.

A leasing clause allows the university to carry out repairs or maintenance to the property without reference to the owner up to a figure agreed at the start of the lease period, unless this clause is abrogated.

Another alternative for younger tied workers or expatriates, but more risky and initially more expensive, is to buy a house with a reversionary interest. Such houses are sold through various organizations by elderly tenants of 70 and over to raise cash. They retain possession of their home until they die, when it reverts to the owner.

The price can be less than half the vacant possession value and a useful fall-back for overseas workers.

Though maintenance and rates are paid by the occupiers, no rent is payable, so this option looks like (but is not) a life insurance policy with the premiums paid as an advance lump sum.

> The price can be less than half the vacant possession

Finally, for the council tenant, if income is too small to allow purchase, as may be the case with a non-taxpayer or low taxpayer, a taxpaying son or daughter might covenant a sum which would boost the parent's income up to a high enough figure to support a mortgage.

Jennie Hawthorne

SAVINGS

Building societies fly into the holiday business



One of the prime reasons investors entrust their money to building societies each year is to save for holidays.

Sensitive to this, building societies are joining forces with well-known names in travel and adding their own inducements in the shape of special discounts on holidays to savers.

The Chelsea Building Society, for instance, offers Capital Share investors 5 per cent off American Express holidays, whether they book a short break in Venice or a long-haul destination such as Hawaii.

The Skipton Building Society is even more adventurous, its Sovereign shareholders being eligible for membership of the Skipton Travel Club. This offered its members a 10 per cent discount on winter breaks at the La Manga Club with its 18 tennis courts, the only cricket pitch in Spain and two magnificent golf courses, which have five times been the venue for the Spanish Open.

For summer, the offer is of up to £400 free spending money on any holiday chosen from Jetsave's Far Away brochure. The scheme is graded from £15 spending money on a holiday or tickets costing up to £249 per person.

To qualify for the full £200 spending money, each person must spend a minimum of £2,001.

Barclays Unicorn has joined forces with Cunard to offer cruises at lower-than-brochure prices to its unit-holders.

Their special prices show a saving of £200 a cabin on the QE2's sailing to New York and Washington, £100 a cabin on five-day Iberia cruises, £150 a cabin on one of the Cunard Countess's Caribbean Fly/Cruises and £250 a cabin on a Vistafjord Fly/Cruise, whose ports of call include Antigua and Martinique.

Unfortunately the prices are "per person" and the saving is quoted "per double cabin"; yet the special prices are approximately equal to a 10 per cent discount for most cruises listed.

Two other big names in the money world are also offering ways of saving money on holidays and travel generally. Barclaycard's Holiday Club gives its 8.4 million cardholders 5 to 10 per cent off the price of a holiday booked through Page & Moy, the Leicester-based travel agents.

The holidays themselves can be chosen from the brochures of 37 leading companies such as Thomson, Enterprise, Sovereign and Kuoni; the discount takes the form of a refund on the basic cost of the holiday – from £20 on a £200 holiday to a maximum of £200 on one costing £2,500 or more. Card-holders pay for the holiday in full and the refund is sent by cheque 10 to 14 days before departure.

It is a far cry from a weekend in Paris, of course, but if you can afford a stay in a luxury hotel such as the Acapulco Princess in Mexico, then by investing in Lonhro shares you – and any immediate family travelling with you – will qualify for a shareholder's 20 per cent discount off room rates.

Morag Campbell

BEAVERBROOK'S WOMEN



Beaverbrook's beloved daughter, Janet Aitken Kidd, tells of the despair and heartache her father's string of affairs caused his wife and family.

BOTHAM: FOR BETTER OR WORCS?



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On the Cote d'Azur: villas and apartments at Les Hauts de Vaugrenier costing from £120,000 to £150,000

Buying French without tears

PROPERTY

The series on buying second homes abroad continues with DIANA WILDMAN explaining what to look out for in France

The French property market has revived dramatically since the wealth tax was abolished by the new government in March 1986.

Overseas investment in leisure homes is high again but because there was such a slump in second-home ownership during the previous socialist administration, prices do not nowadays seem to be totally out of line with comparable properties in Spain and Portugal, as they were in the 1970s.

Purchasing procedures should be straightforward for the non-resident purchaser but buyers are strongly recommended to seek appropriate professional advice on the relevant legal and financial points.

France has a two-tier tax system that puts the financial edge in favour of buying a newly constructed home. An obligatory property tax is added to the buying costs as follows:

- On property less than five years old, 2.5 per cent
- Homes older than five years, 8-10 per cent,which varies according to size and price.

Once a sale has been agreed, the buyer signs a *contract de reservation*, which is the preliminary contract. The price to be paid is also stated and is non-reviewable once the reservation deposit, normally 10 per cent and which is non-refundable, is sent either to the vendor's bank or to the vendor's notary.

For anyone buying a future home this preliminary contract should also specify the way in which stage payments should be made for the remainder of the purchasing period.

The deposit of 10 per cent is non-refundable

The deposit is usually only five per cent with an extra 30 per cent required when the *acte de vente* or deed of sale is signed. Then four following payments of around 15 per cent each will coincide with specific stages of completion. A final five per cent will be payable when the keys are handed over.

It is a good idea for the prospective buyer to cost the expected essential extras connected with the purchase because agents tend to gloss over these taxes and charges.

It is up to the buyer's own lawyer to itemize all the expenditure for his or her clients and to verify the cost of the two annual taxes payable by non-resident property owners.

Taxe foncière is a tax on the property itself and *taxe d'habitations* is equivalent to our rates. Both are payable to the local *commune mairie* (town hall); both are calculated on the property's size and rentable value.

The buyer is responsible for the essential legal purchasing fees of both himself and the vendor and this is paid directly to the *notaire*, whose fee is calculated on a sliding scale – generally 1.5 to 2.5 per cent and including conveyancing taxes.

Do remember that though The *notaire's* fee is paid by the purchaser, the *notaire* represents both parties and is the only person allowed to convey title. His fee, together with the transfer taxes, is due when he presides over the official registration of the property, when the deeds are signed.

It is best to allow about two months from signing the preliminary contract to the final completion of sale.

All funds used for the purchase of French property by non-residents must be imported into France and converted to francs. In the first instance a British high-street bank can be instructed to transfer the necessary amount to the notary or vendor's bank.

Anyone borrowing money in France will have the mortgage registered with the notary. This gives the additional bonus of having the notary guarantee that the property being acquired is entirely free of any charge.

Finally, anyone selling his French holiday home is liable to capital gains tax of a maximum 33 per cent but a good French lawyer can advise on reducing this liability.

Remember that the tax is calculated on a third of the difference between the net selling price and the original purchase price, which is "reappreciated" according to the cost of living.

UK agency opens a leisure-home branch in France

All net proceeds of the sale can then be remitted abroad.

The regained widespread appeal of the French holiday home market is shown by the fact that a firm of UK estate agents, Hampton & Sons, which merged with the Paris agents, Féau, last summer to form Féau Hampton Residences SA, are opening their first leisure-home agency in Cannes later this year.

The international department of its London office (tel: 01-493 8222) has produced a useful leaflet, *Purchasing Property in France*.

Next week: Portugal

Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes

(today's are on page 27)

Share No	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+6	+3	+4	+4		
2	+4	+2	+6	+4		
3	+8	+2	+4	+2		
4	+6	+4	+3	+3		
5	+6	+2	+3	+4		
6	+5	+4	+3	+2		
7	+4	+3	+4	+5		
8	+7	+1	+2	+1		
9	+3	+2	+5	+6		
10	+7	+2	+4	+5		
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40	+4	+4	+5	+4		
41	+7	+3	+5	+3		
42	+4	+2	+6	+3		
43	+6	+3	+5	+2		
44	+8	+2	+4	+1		

European Law Report — Strasbourg

Security vetting is not against human rights

Leander v Sweden

Before R. Ryssdal, Presidentand Judges G. Lagergren, F. Golcuklu, L.-E. Pettiti, Sir Vincent Evans, C. Russo, and R. Bernhardt.

Registrar M.-A. Eissen

(Case No 10/1985/96/144)

[Judgment March 26]

The system of vetting for security sensitive posts in Sweden satisfied the requirements of article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (the right to respect for private life).

It was found to contain adequate safeguards against abuse. Also, the aggregate of remedies available complied with article 13 of the Convention which guaranteed to everyone an effective remedy before a national authority.

In August 1979, Mr Leander was considered for employment at the naval museum in Karlskrona, in the south of Sweden. Part of the museum's premises were located within an adjacent naval base.

As a consequence, appointment to the post sought by Mr Leander had to be preceded by a security check — a so-called personnel control, which involved consulting information held on a secret register kept by the security police.

The procedure to be followed was governed principally by the Personnel Control Ordinance 1969, published in the Swedish official journal. In Mr Leander's case, the outcome of the control was such that his employment was refused, without his having received an opportunity to know and to comment upon the information released to the Navy from the secret police register.

Mr Leander complained to the Government, requesting annulment of the assessment that he constituted a security risk, a declaration that he was acceptable for employment, access to the information kept on him and an opportunity to comment on this information. The Government rejected the complaint on all points.

In its report of May 17, 1985 the European Commission of Human Rights expressed its opinion that there had been no breach of article 8 (unanimously), that no separate issue arose under article 10 (unanimously) and that there did not disclose any breach of article 13 (seven votes to five).

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as follows:

1 Alleged violation of article 8

It was uncontested that the secret police register contained information relating to Mr Leander's private life. Both the storing and the release of such information, which had been coupled with a refusal to allow Mr Leander an opportunity to refute it, amounted to an interference with his right to respect for private life as guaranteed by article 8, paragraph 1.

Was the interference justified? The aim of the Swedish personnel control system was clearly a legitimate one for the purposes of article 8, namely the protection of national security.

The main issues of contention were whether the interference was (a) "in accordance with the law" and (b) "necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security".

(a) The interference had a valid base in domestic law, namely the Personnel Control Ordinance of 1969.

The ordinance, which had been published in the Swedish official journal, met the further condition that the "law" in question be accessible to the individual concerned.

It was also a requirement in article 8 that the consequences of the "law" be foreseeable for the individual concerned. That requirement could not be the same in the special context of secret controls of staff in sectors affecting national security as in many other fields.

In a system applicable to citizens generally, as under the Personnel Control Ordinance, the "law" in question had to be sufficiently clear as to the circumstances in which and the conditions on which the public authorities were empowered to resort to that kind of potentially dangerous interference with private life.

Taking into account the various limitations imposed on the registration of information, in particular the prohibition on registration merely on the ground of political opinion, and the explicit and detailed provisions governing the operation of the personnel control procedure, Swedish law satisfied the requirement of foreseeability.

(b) According to well-established principles in the Court's case-law, the notion of necessity implied that the interference had to correspond to a pressing social need and, in particular, that it be proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued.

Sweden's interest in protecting national security had to be balanced against the seriousness of the interference with the applicant's right to respect for private life. In such circumstances the state enjoyed a wide margin of appreciation in making its assessment.

There could be no doubt as to the necessity for contracting states to have a system for controlling the suitability of candidates for employment in posts of importance for national security.

Nevertheless, in view of the risk that a system of secret surveillance for the protection of national security posed of undermining or even destroying democracy on the ground of defending it, the court had to be satisfied that there existed in the system at issue adequate and effective guarantees against abuse.

The Swedish system was designed to reduce the effects of the personnel control procedure to an unavoidable minimum and that, leaving aside the monitoring affected by the Government themselves, supervision of its proper implementation was entrusted both to Parliament and to independent institutions.

The court attached especial importance, first, to the presence of Parliamentarians on the police board that authorized the release of the information to the Navy and, second, to the supervision effected by the Chancellor of Justice and the Parliamentary Ombudsman as well as the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Justice.

The safeguards contained in the swedish personnel control system were therefore judged sufficient to meet the requirements of article 8.

Having regard to the wide margin of appreciation available to it, the respondent state was entitled to consider that, in the particular case, the interests of national security prevailed over Mr Leander's individual interests.

Accordingly, there had been no breach of article 8.

2 Alleged violation of article 10

(a) Freedom to express opinions

It appeared clearly from the provisions of the personnel control ordinance that its purpose was to ensure that persons holding security-sensitive posts had the necessary personal qualifications.

That being so, the right of access to the public service, a right not protected by the Convention, lay at the heart of the issue submitted to the Court. There had accordingly been no interference with Mr Leander's freedom to express opinions.

(b) Freedom to receive information

Article 10 did not, in the circumstances such as those in the case at issue, confer on the individual a right of access to a register containing information on his personal position, nor did it embody an obligation on the Government to impart such information to the individual.

Accordingly, there had likewise been no interference with Mr Leander's freedom to receive information.

3 Alleged violation of article 13

As established in the Court's case-law, the "national authority" referred to in article 13 did not have to be a judicial authority in the strict sense.

In addition, in the special context of this case, an "effective remedy" had to mean a remedy that was as effective as could be, having regard to the restricted scope for recourse inherent in any system of secret surveillance for the protection of national security.

Further, although no single remedy may itself entirely satisfied the requirements of article 13, the aggregate of remedies provided for under domestic law could do so.

Under Swedish law the applicant could have filed complaints with the Parliamentary Ombudsman or the Chancellor of Justice, who both had to be considered independent of the Government. Although both lacked the power to render legally binding decisions, in practice their opinions were usually followed.

There also existed the remedy of complaint to the Government, to which Mr Leander had had recourse, albeit unsuccessfully.

Thus even if, taken on its own, the complaint to the Government was not to be considered sufficient, the aggregate of available remedies satisfied the conditions of article 13 in the particular circumstances of the case.

For those reasons, the Court held:

1 Unanimously that there had been no breach of article 8 or article 10

2 By four votes to three, Judges Ryssdal, Pettiti and Russo dissenting, that there had been no breach of article 13.

Luxembourg

Community act not adopted on correct legal basis

Commission of the European Communities v Council of the European Communities

Case 45/86

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges Y. Galmot, C.N. Kakouris, T.F. O'Higgins, F.A. Schockweiler, G. Bosco, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, R. Joliet and G.C. Rodriguez Iglesias

Advocate General C.O. Lenz

(Opinion January 29, 1987)

[Judgment March 26]

Acts relating to trade with developing countries fell within the scope of the common commercial policy and were therefore to be adopted by a qualified majority under article 113 of the EEC Treaty, not unanimously under article 235.

The Commission sought a declaration that Council Regulations (EEC) Nos 3599/85 and 3600/85 of December 17, 1985 applying generalized tariff preferences for 1986 in respect of certain industrial and textile products originating in developing countries (OJ No L352 of December 30, 1985) were void on the ground of failure to state the precise legal basis upon which they were adopted.

According to the Commission that failure consituted both an infringement of article 190 of the Treaty which provided that "Regulations, Directives and Decisions of the Council ... shall state the reasons on which they are based" and an infringement of the Treaty because it resulted in the use of a procedure of unanimous voting instead of the qualified majority voting provided for by article 113 which, was the only legally correct basis for such acts.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held:

In reply to a question from the Court the Council had explained that it had departed from the Commission's proposal, which referred only to article 113, because it was convinced that by the disputed regulations it was pursuing not only the objectives of commercial policy, but also important objectives of development policy. The implementation of that policy went beyond the context of article 113 and required recourse to article 235.

In the context of the system of powers of the Community the choice of the legal basis for an act could not depend solely upon the conviction of one institution as to the aim being pursued, but was to be based on objective elements which might be subject to judicial review.

In the present case the dispute over the correct legal basis was not of purely formal significance given that articles 113 and 235 contained different rules under which the Council was to arrive at its decisions and that therefore the choice of the legal basis could influence the determination of the content of the disputed regulations.

It appeared from the wording of article 235 that reliance upon that article as a legal basis for an act was only justified if no other provision of the Treaty conferred the necessary powers for the adoption of that act upon the Community institutions.

It was therefore necessary to establish whether, as the Commission had contended, the Council had the power to adopt the disputed regulations on the basis of article 113 alone.

Among the objectives of commercial policy article 110 included that of contributing "to the harmonious development of world trade", an objective which presupposed that the policy would adapt to changes of approach in international society.

Similarly articles 113 to 116 provided not only for acts of institutions and the conclusion of agreements with non-member states but also for common action "within the framework of international organizations of an economic character", a sufficiently broad expression to include international organizations which might be concerned with the problems of trade in the context of a development policy.

It followed that the disputed regulations were acts which fell within the scope of the common commercial policy and that, since the Council had the power to adopt them pursuant to article 113 it could not rely upon article 235.

Consequently, on the one hand, the disputed regulations did not satisfy the requirements of article 190 and, on the other hand, they had not been adopted on the correct legal basis.

They therefore had to be annulled, however, taking into consideration the circumstances of the case and the requirements of legal certainty, it was appropriate to declare, pursuant to the second paragraph of article 174, that the effects of the void regulations were definitive.

On those grounds the Court declared:

1 Council Regulations (EEC) Nos 3599/85 and 3600/85 of December 17, 1985 applying generalized tariff preferences for 1986 in respect of certain industrial and textile products originating in developing countries were void.

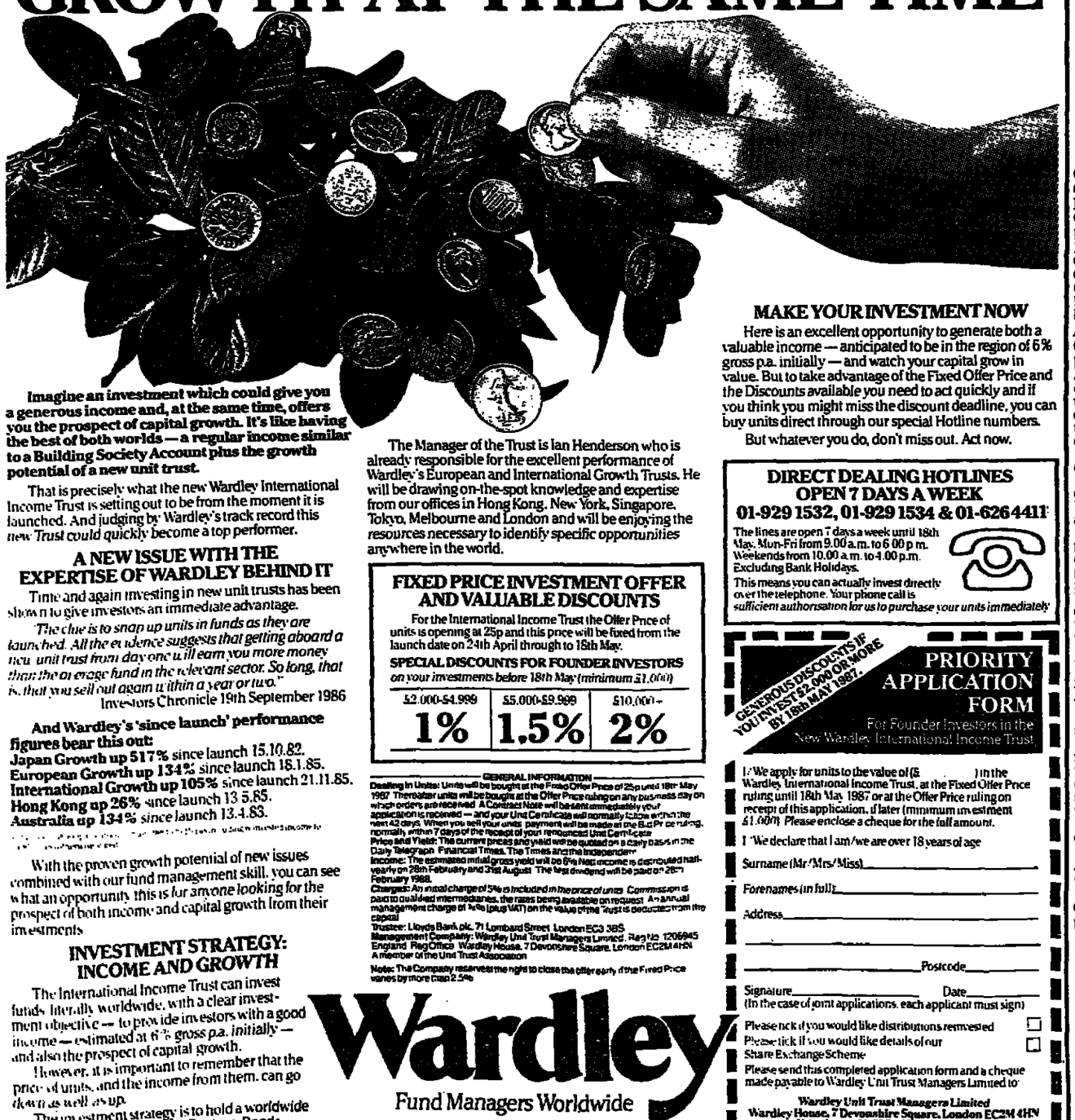
2 The effects produced by those regulations were to be considered as definitive.

3 The Council was ordered to pay the costs.

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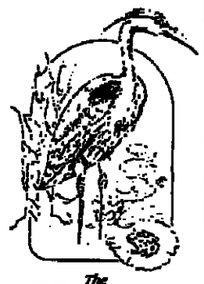
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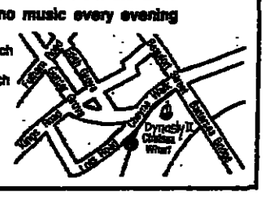
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THE RESTAURANT WORLD

When redundancy struck, Kevin and Yvonne Bond, right, turned their thoughts to opening a hotel-restaurant — and learned the business the hard way



A taste of France in an English setting

The words "A happy medium is total boredom" are chalked on a board outside Bond's, a pretty building on the road outside Castle Cary between Bath and the A303 to the West Country. Once a pub, the Half Moon Inn, it was the Greenhills Guest House when Kevin and Yvonne Bond bought it in 1985.

Five years earlier Kevin had been made redundant from his management job. They thought at the time of taking on a restaurant and small hotel, but decided not to rush into things. Instead, Kevin worked as a part-time business consultant and Yvonne put up a B&B sign outside the door.

They managed quite well, but with two children to support they decided to take the plunge into the hotel-restaurant trade, even though they had no professional training in catering.

"What we had in mind," says Kevin, "was the sort of place you find all over the Continent where you can stay cheaply and eat well — what the French would call a *hostellerie*. We thought there was a gap in this country between the basic B&B and the plastic giant hotel chains where you wake up in the morning not knowing which part of the country you're staying in."

They chose the Castle Cary premises because of the relative cheapness of properties in the area. In retrospect, Kevin thinks this might not be so sensible as it then appeared. "The initial outlay is less, but you have to work twice as hard here to get the same return as you would in a place in the Home Counties. If we were on the main A303, for instance, we'd be making a fortune."

The key to raising the cash to buy the property was, he says, the confidence of his bank manager in the couple's ability to make the project pay. "When I lost my job I'd split our house into two parts, doing up one half and selling it. The bank saw this worked and was happy to back me this time around."

At the same time, Kevin feels that the form of loans on offer are a mixed blessing. He says: "You can borrow money almost too easily and it's only afterwards you realise the banks have stitched you up. When you come to read the small print of, say, a Business Development Loan contract, what it ties you to is quite frightening. I'd advise anyone to go for a straight bank loan."

"Our idea was to find a small guest house capable of being extended. That way, if we weren't making any money out of the business we could at least profit by creating a larger property."

They set themselves a three-year target. In the first year Kevin continued his consultancy work. Yvonne is a more-than-competent, though self-taught, cook, and handles the paperwork.

Though they are now up and running, looking back on the problems "really frightens us", says Kevin. "We don't know if we could do it again."

Their aim was to create the image of what Kevin describes as "a small family-run restaurant with super food at a reasonable price and very nice accommodation." The six rooms are comfortable without being grand. "We wanted people to feel they are staying in a country house with friends."

To promote the business they sent out *mail shots* ("with negative results") and invited to dinner local dignitaries (who didn't come back!). The best publicity was by word of mouth. While steering clear of restaurant guides which charge for entries, they are pleased to be included in the Egon Ronay guide and hope for eventual mention in the Good Food and Good Hotel guides.

Organizing the menu involved cooking a variety of dishes, inviting lots of people to test them during the first weeks, and changing and refining the most successful items. Initially Kevin placed orders for food supplies with local traders, but found that some tended to take things for granted.

They keep staff to a minimum, finding the operation works better that way. The kitchen help, waitress, cleaner and gardener are all part-time, supplemented by a couple of additional part-timers at busy periods. Yvonne prepares and cooks the food in an ordinary domestic kitchen which is only slightly modified. She changes the menu every week, trying out new dishes she thinks sound interesting. "I don't follow any one style," she says. "To be doing nouvelle cuisine or anything else all the time would be boring — for me and the customers."

Kevin looks after the bar and restaurant, a small room with six tables which when full gives a satisfying feeling of intimacy. Phasing the diners over the six-hour evening session is crucial. "We book in six people every half-hour," says Kevin. "That way there's a flow of people so the place never feels empty."

Costing the menu is, Kevin thinks, fundamental to the popularity of the restaurant. "You take account of factors such as what you believe the punter will pay and the mark-up on the ingredients. You have to arrange things so that customers are happy with the final bill.

"A lot of people spend £33 for two, but you could get off for £20 including a bottle of wine. We keep a selection of low-priced items, which suits us and them. On home made soup at 95p, for instance, you make a fat profit — and more easily than on king-size prawns at £3.95.

"For the main course we always have something in the £3.90 or £4 range, vegetables and VAT included. What generally happens is that new customers start out on the cheaper dishes and then move on to more expensive plates."

The Bonds also offer a fixed-price menu at around £14, and started with only a couple of inclusive menus and no à la carte. Kevin and Yvonne are both fans of the French hotel and restaurant system where a range of set menus, from the tourist to the gourmet, are offered.

"In France, if the mussels are particularly good, they are put on that day's menu. Or if there is a local sausage, visitors enjoy sampling it. The British tend to be more conservative, sticking to the things they know they like and are reluctant to experiment. If we'd stuck to our original idea it would have been financially disastrous."

He applies the same philosophy to his wine list, offering house French wines at £3.95 to £4. "If you're buying it at £1.40 a bottle that's good enough profit. At the same time I have customers who like good wines so I need a list of more expensive bottles."

Buying wine should be done with care, Kevin discovered. "Some wine merchants visit you and offer to write your wine list for you, but when you go to the cash-and-carry store you discover the same wines cost 30 per cent less."

Fluctuations in trade are something hoteliers have to be phlegmatic about. "Last week we were fully booked. This week we're empty." It's one of the main reasons why the Bonds wanted a hotel as well as a restaurant. "The profit on rooms is much higher than on food."

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The Bonds also cater for functions such as weddings, and take pains to avoid the restaurant being seen as only for the rich. "Ordinary folk often spend a lot more money than better-heeled folk," Kevin finds, and to encourage them to become regular patrons they have instituted special menus midweek. Wednesday night is pasta night. A large plate of pasta, generous side salad, garlic bread and half-bottle of wine costs £6.50. Local people flock to the door and profits are often higher than on a Saturday night.

All this has involved the Bonds adapting to a restaurateurs' lifestyle. "We work much harder than we ever imagined. There's a fair amount of stress, and we don't find it easy losing our evenings. When you've been working all day and at five o'clock you have to get ready for another long stint, it isn't easy; we certainly couldn't do it for the whole week." Apart form the table d'hôte for hotel guests, the restaurant is closed from Sunday to Tuesday night.

"We're not making money, but we're paying off the capital," Kevin concludes. "We should be breaking even after two to two-and-a-half years." He echoes others who suggest that the danger time is the second year. By then you're likely to have lost your initial enthusiasm, and the money still isn't coming in."

He adds: "The job satisfaction can be tremendous, because it's your own business. But it was a bloody sight easier being employed."

Bob Smythe

RUGBY UNION: PLENTY OF END OF SEASON MILEAGE FOR THE FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS OF THE BREAD-AND-BUTTER MATCHES

Three men ruled out of Leinster final

By George Ace

The IRFU directive to World Cup players to stop competitive rugby from last week denies Lansdowne, who meet St Mary's College in the Leinster senior cup final at Lansdowne Road this afternoon, the services of two players, and St Mary's one. Out of the Lansdowne side are tighthead prop Des Fitzgerald and wing-forward Paul Collins, while fly-half Paul Dean is missing from the St Mary's team.

Lansdowne, the mean machine of Leinster rugby with 860 points to their credit from 30 matches this season, are seeking the league and cup double for a second year in succession, and are favourites despite an anxious experience in last week's semi-final against Old Wesley.

Lansdowne trailed by five points with one minute of normal time remaining. Dilger kicked a penalty and, in a second minute of injury time, Danaher crossed for a try which Dilger converted, to change a 15-10 scoreline in Old Wesley's favour to 19-15 for Lansdowne.

St Mary's needed a replay to oust Wanderers and claim their final place. After a 10-10 draw last Sunday they triumphed 12-10 on Wednesday night, coming from behind in the last quarter. Hennessy, the St Mary's full back, scored all his side's points with three penalties and a drop goal. But it was the drop goal — a massive effort from the halfway line with some six minutes to go — that will be talked about for a long time to come.

In Cork, Highfield and Shannon contest the Munster senior cup final. And Shannon will be attempting to retain the trophy for a second successive season.

They are not quite the power in the land this season that they were last, when they accomplished a double: the league title has slipped from their grasp, and playing out of Limerick they may not be the same potent force. Nevertheless, they are a redoubtable outfit, and it will come as no surprise if they hold on to the cup.

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Moseley will want to redress their early loss against Leicester

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

There are times when the world seems so preoccupied with international encounters and crises in sports politics, that one forgets the bread-and-butter matches which provide the main identification for the faithful supporter. This is such a Saturday, the last for most clubs before the 1986-87 season draws to an end, but there remains some mileage in it.

Take Moseley, for instance. Bearing in mind their lack of internationals, they might just be described as a bread-and-butter team but they have had plenty of jam for filling this season and will hope for a dash of cream today when they play Leicester. Their win over Lichfield at the beginning of the week was their thirtieth of the season and it is a dozen years or so since they last did that.

Moseley stand fourth in John Smith's Merit Table A (they, Leicester and Coventry have played more Merit games than the other nine clubs in the table); they have disposed of most of England's leading clubs and a few in Wales as well — wins at Newport and Bridgend are not to be sniffed at. Their main failure, and they are in good company here, has been against Bath and even then they gave the John Player Special Cup holders a horrid fright in the quarter-finals.

They also went down at Leicester in November, by 22-6, since when they have lost only five games and they would dearly love to even the score with their Midland rivals today. Ian Metcalfe, Moseley's captain and a Barbarian last weekend, returns to play full back though the club will not see Steve Boyle again, the 1983 British Lions lock having played his last senior game against Lichfield.

In recent years Moseley have tended to have the Indian sign on Leicester at the end of each season but Leicester will wish to give their retiring captain, Les Cusworth, a good send-off and, with an eye to the future, will want to see Steve Burnhill developing on the wing. There are those at the club who consider his future there rather than at centre, the position in which he was selected to tour South Africa with England three years ago.

Bristol's game at Coventry will mark the 300th appearance of Kevin Bogira, which leaves him one short of the club record for a hooker. Sam Tucker, who won 27 caps for England during the 1920s, holds the record.

Coventry, too, have their record-makers, even in a humdrum, injury-strewn season in which they have barely managed to win more games than they have lost. Graham Robbins, their No. 8 capped twice by England last season, has become only the fifteenth player in the club's history to score over 100 tries, and only the second forward — the first was Johnny Gardiner, Coventry's No. 8 in the 1950s, who ended with 107. Robbins stands on 106, of which 26 have been scored this season.

If Robbins does not pass Gardiner's mark today, he has another chance next weekend, when Coventry play Orrell in the Merit Table game which will decide whether they or the Lancashire club join London Scottish in Table B next season.

The cup finalists, Bath and Wasps, will have a quiet weekend. Bath send their second team to Bedford to give their senior side a rest — though rest is probably not what their training regime allows — while Wasps, having played their shadow cup side against Ealing in midweek, have no fixture. The news on Alan Simmons, Wasps's hooker, is good: the calf muscle he pulled playing for the Barbarians against Cardiff last weekend is responding to treatment and the club are confident he will play at Twickenham.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Bedford v Bath

Ian Peck returns at scrum half for Bedford because of a knee injury to Gabriel. Orwin returns at lock after the Barbarians tour against what amounts to a Bath second team.

Cardiff v Neath

Welsh internationals, Thorburn and Phillips, play in the Neath side for the first time since February, though Evans, Davies and Richards are all missing. Cardiff offer a guest spot at No. 8 to Worgan, formerly of Cardiff but now with Llanharan, and bring in Rayer and Eidman.

Coventry v Bristol

Andy Savage continues instead of the injured Thomas at scrum half for Coventry, who therefore field an unchanged side for the first time this season. He will encounter a former Coventry scrum half in Lander, who joined Bristol from Exeter last month.

Moseley v Leicester

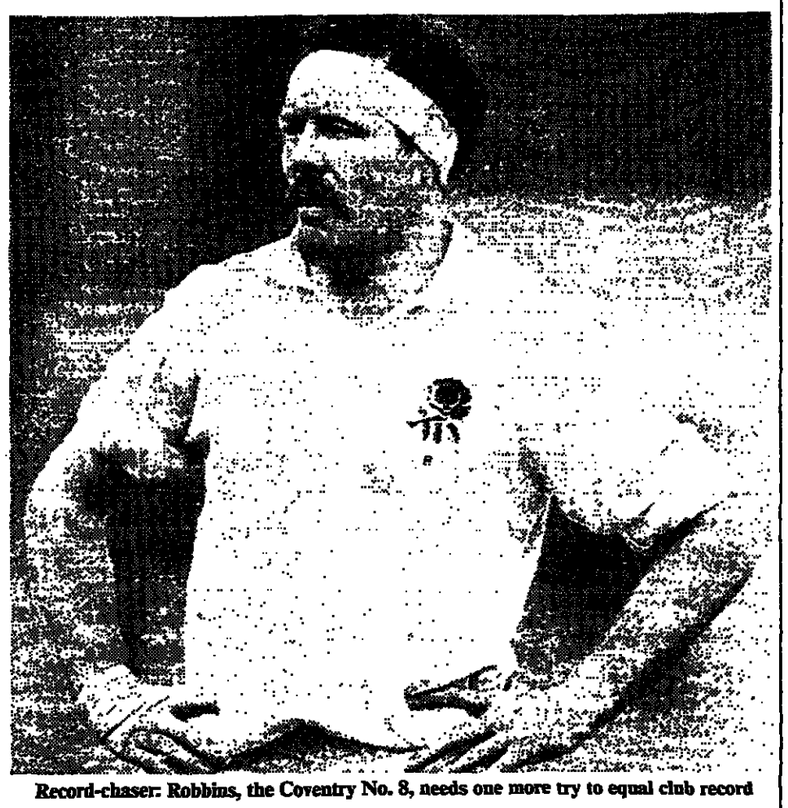
Moseley play Denhardt at lock after an injury to Tuckwood but have Metcalfe and Robson back. Wells plays in Leicester's back row and Burnhill takes over from Dexter on the right wing.

Newport v Nottingham

Newport have Rees at full back and are looking for four tries to bring their season's tally to 200. The remarkable Waters plays his 46th game of the season but Nottingham are forced by injuries and absenteeism to play Mantell, a lock, in the back row and bring Sykes in at full back.

Torquay Ath v Glamorgan Wanderers

Glamorgan Wanderers, successful in the West Country against Bristol over Easter, go to Torquay looking for 32 points and a new aggregate for the season of 1,300 points. It will be the penultimate appearance for former Wales scrum half Gerald Williams, who is to retire.



Record-chaser: Robbins, the Coventry No. 8, needs one more try to equal club record

England let down by technique

By Michael Stevenson

The overall impression that the England 18-Group conveyed in their narrow 9-6 defeat by France, at Bedford on Tuesday, was of great spirit and bravery but of worrying technical ineptitude.

The game was distinguished, as far as England were concerned, by a general inability to give a sound and accurate pass under pressure.

In the Coimbra International Tournament, last week in Portugal, Stamford School and Christ's College, Brecon played an epic final. An injury-time try by the Stamford wing, Mark Walters, earned an 8-7 win.

Port Regis Preparatory School returned unbeaten this week from their five-match visit to Vancouver. The Dorset school ran in 32 tries and conceded only three.

Welsh experience could be decisive

By David Hands

Wales play their first international at under-21 level at Wrexham today, when they meet Scotland. Judging by the results of the two teams against the Combined Services this season, Wales will start favourites, particularly given home advantage and the experience which most of their players possess of first-class club rugby.

It will be a fillip for North Wales to be awarded a representative fixture of this kind, and if sufficient enthusiasm is shown by the public today, it might persuade the Welsh Rugby Union to play a B international there.

Scotland have had to make four amendments (one positional) to their original selection because of injuries: Swanson (Edinburgh Academicals) comes in at full back, Weatherly (Melrose) on the left wing and Drummond (Boroughmuir) on the flank, allowing Busby, the captain, to move to No 8.

● The preliminary rounds of the Middlesex Sevens tournament will be played on eight grounds in London today, with the finals scheduled for May 9 at Twickenham. Harlequins, as winners last season, are excused qualification and remain favourites for the competition after winning six sevens tournaments in succession, the latest being the Sturgis London floodlit tournament this week, when they beat London Scottish in the final.

● The second Yorkshire festival of youth rugby begins at six grounds tomorrow, and the finals will be at Sandal on May 3. More than 800 players from 41 clubs will take part.

HOCKEY

Barber out of East divisional senior side

By Sydney Friskin

Paul Barber, England's short corner specialist, is the latest to pull out of the senior divisional tournament to be played today and tomorrow on the Coventry School's artificial turf pitches. His wife has just born him a second son and Barber feels domestic commitments take priority.

Barber, who had earlier agreed to captain the East, scored the last goal on Thursday night for Slough whose 4-2 victory over Teddington at Bisham Abbey assured them of the premier division championship in the London league.

Among other absentees is the overworked Kulbir Bhaura, recently returned from Malaysia with the bronze medal-winning British team, who would have played for the South. But a strong force of England's World Cup players Kerly (South), Imran Sherwani (Midlands), Hughes, Grimley and Bolland (North), Shaw (East) and Potter and Faulkner (South) adds interest to a tournament which enjoys a sponsorship of £3,000 from Touche Ross, a leading international firm of accountants and management consultants.

Midlands, holders of the title and once again the favourites, are in group B along with West and North. Combined Services, East and South make up group A and as usual the winners and runners-up in each group will qualify for the semi-finals. Steve Taylor (England and Great Britain) will be in goal for Midlands.

Combined Services have been well prepared for this event and with Pappin, Jennings, Gordon, Jolly, Hazlitt and Boxell all available, are hoping to reach the semi-finals and put the memory of past defeats behind them.

Concurrent with the main tournament is a veterans' divisional festival in which the two most senior Great Britain internationals, Harry Cahill and Howard Davis, will play for Midlands. In the East side is Phil Appleyard, the Hockey Association president, two former international captains, Tony Ekins and Bernie Cotton, and David Whitaker, the director of coaching.

SCHOOLS CRICKET

English teams for Barbados tour

By George Chesterton

An exciting experiment will take place in Barbados during August when a 40 overs competition for the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy will take place between 14 teams.

Eight of them will be chosen from schools in Bermuda, Trinidad and, of course, Barbados. The six English schools are **Clifton, Emmanuel, Gresham's, Ipswich, Repton and Uppingham.**

Clifton this summer should be a strong team, almost unchanged from last year and strengthened by Meadows, a sixth form entrant. Gresham's, who last season reached the semi-final of the Barclays Bank Cup, will have eight of that side available.

Ipswich also look a powerful combination including as they do Heap, who has just toured in Sri Lanka and Shahid, who has already played for Suffolk. Repton will rely on the experience of Anderson and Wall, supported by useful young talent coming up the school.

Manasseh in his fourth year in the Harrow XI has only two other old colours at his disposal but there is hot competition for the other places from younger players. Watkinson of Cranleigh, who has taken over 50 wickets in each of the last two seasons, will lead an experienced team as will McCreagh at Loretto, where they have only lost one school match since 1984.

Wyncoll at Monkton Combe has the somewhat unusual combination of two opening bowlers and two leg spinners left from last year. At Manchester Grammar School only three remain from their winning 1986 side but there are some bowlers of promise ready to show their worth.

Burrow captains RGS Worcester and amongst those with experience he can call upon is the talented Headley, son of Ron and grandson of the great George Headley. At St John's Leatherhead, Penfold will captain largely the same team which did so well last year, especially in the Barclays Bank Cup.

MOTOR SPORT



Martin Brundle (above), the British grand prix driver, will race at Le Mans for the first time this year (a Special Correspondent writes).

Brundle, who is from King's Lynn, will renew his links with Tom Walkinshaw Racing to drive a Silk Cut Jaguar XJR-8 in the French 24-hour endurance classic, with the Dane, John Neilsen, as his co-driver.

As a warm-up for the event they will drive a Le Mans-specification Jaguar in the Autoglass 1,000-kilometre race at Silverstone on May 10, where the team will be aiming to score its fourth consecutive 1987 success.

Brundle, lead driver for the Zakspeed grand prix team, drove the original XJR-6 racer in 1985.

HORSE TRIALS

Top riders in new Stowell section

By Jenny MacArthur

A string of international riders will be competing in a special Badminton advanced section at tomorrow's Stowell Park horse trials in Gloucestershire. When Badminton was cancelled earlier this month, the organizers of Stowell — which is part of the MacConnal-Mason Mercedes-G Series — decided to run an extra advanced section to accommodate some of the Badminton horses.

Among the riders competing are Ian Stark, Mark Todd, who is New Zealand's Olympic gold medallist, Virginia Leng, the world champion, Lucinda Green, the former world champion, Mark Phillips, Mary Thomson, Rodney Powell and Rachel Hunt. All are riding horses they would have ridden at Badminton.

Stark, who has been based at Stowell Park for the last two months in order to cut down on travelling time and costs, will ride the eight-year-old Yair, known as "Biffo", and the 10-year-old Charlie Brown, who has been placed at each outing this spring, most recently at last weekend's Hagley Hall. The target for the former hunter is next month's Punchestown three-day event in Ireland. That, together with Bramham in Yorkshire at the end of May, is being used as the main selection trial for this year's European championships.

Mrs Leng who, like Stark, is already long-listed for the championships, will ride her Burghley winner Mercy Himself, as well as Master Craftsman, who will be competing in only his second advanced class. Mrs Green rides Mins Lincoln, whose outstanding dressage at Hagley helped him to win his section, as well as Shannagh, and her Punchestown entry Regal Realm. Todd will have his work cut out with four horses including his Badminton entry, Michaelmas Day.

There are seven sections — three advanced, two intermediate, a Young Riders advanced trial and a Junior open intermediate trial. Some will do their dressage today but all the cross-country is tomorrow.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Samaranch not pressing Seoul

Lausanne (AP) — With little response to its call for a Communist boycott of the 1988 Olympic Games, North Korea now faces a difficult time in pressing South Korea, the designated hosts, and the Olympic authorities for a greater role in staging the Games.

The president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, announced on Thursday that the IOC is calling a fourth meeting between the two Koreas on the co-hosting issue at its Lausanne headquarters on 14 and 15 July.

However, Kim Chong Ha, the president of the South Korean Olympic Committee, told reporters after talks with the IOC Executive Board that his country refuses to concede more sports to North Korea than foreseen under a plan drawn up last July.

The co-hosting proposal, announced after the third joint meeting, calls for North Korea to stage the table tennis and archery tournaments, preliminary football rounds and a road cycling race. But North Korea has repeatedly demanded to host another five or six sports before agreeing to drop its threat to lead a new Communist boycott. It has said it accepted the four-sport plan only "in principle."

Samaranch has thrown his weight behind the South Korean stance, saying he does not foresee a Communist boycott. In the Executive Board meeting, he said, he did not press the Seoul delegation to give up more sports.

At a news conference, Samaranch reiterated that only "small changes" were still possible in the July plan. These include the possibility that North Korea will host separate opening ceremonies in Pyongyang for the two full tournaments it has been offered, according to Michelle Verdier, an IOC spokeswoman.

The IOC's deadline for the two sides to reach at least preliminary agreement is September 17, the day invitations are sent out to each country. Samaranch said South Korea accepted holding fresh talks, but he stressed that the agenda is to centre on technical points.

MOTO-CROSS

A happy return for Thorpe

By a Correspondent

Dave Thorpe, the world 500cc champion, returns to the scene of his first grand prix victory five years ago when he rides at the third round at Sittendorf in Austria tomorrow.

He has completely recovered from a crash in the second race at the British 500cc championship meeting near Norwich on Easter Sunday which left him with concussion and a sprained wrist.

With three wins and one second place from the Spanish and French events the Honda rider takes a 20-point lead to the hillside circuit an hour's drive west of Vienna.

Hakan Carlqvist, the veteran Swedish rider, is Thorpe's main challenger but another English competitor, Kurt Nicoll could cause a surprise. He scored his first victory for two years at the Easter British round.

The five-strong British squad in Austria is completed by Rob Andrews (Honda), Mervyn Anstie (KTM) and Mark Banks (Honda) who are 11th, 12th and 15th.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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Today League

First division
A Villa v West Ham
Leicester v Watford
Liverpool v Everton
Luton v Sheffield Wed
Manchester C v Arsenal
Newcastle v Chelsea
Norwich v Coventry
QPR v Manchester Utd
Southampton v Charlton
Tottenham v Oxford Utd
Wimbledon v Nottingham F

FA VASE: Final: St Helens v Warrington (at Wembley).

IRISH LEAGUE TNT GOLD CUP: Final: Glentoran v Linfield (at the Oval, Belfast).

WELSH FA CUP: Semi-final, second leg *(first leg score in brackets)*: Bangor City (0) v Merthyr (1).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (2.0): Coventry v Manchester City; Manchester United v Everton.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea v Southampton (3.15); Portsmouth v Reading (2.30). West Ham v Luton (2.0).

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Newport County v Shrewsbury (2.0).

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham v Dagenham; Cheltenham v Welling; Frickley v Enfield; Maidstone v Northwich, Runcorn v Kettering; Stafford v Telford; Sutton United v Scarborough; Wealdstone v Kiddermister; Weymouth v Gateshead.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Burton v Hornwch; Caernarfon v Hyde; Chorley v Gainsborough; Goole v Marine; Matlock v Macclesfield; Morecambe v Barrow; Oswestry v Southport; South Liverpool v Buxton; Witton v Rhyl.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Bedworth; Basingstoke v Worcester; Bromsgrove v Witney; Corby v Folkestone; Farnham v Dartford; Fisher v Chelmsford; King's Lynn v Salisbury; Redditch v Dudley; Shepshed v Gosport; Willenhall v Cambridge City. **Midland division:** Banbury v Grantham; Buckingham v Leamington; Forest Green v VS Rugby; Gloucester v Sutton Coldfield; Halesowen v Merthyr Tydfil; Leicester United v Moor Green; Rushden v Stourbridge; Wellingborough v Coventry Sporting. **Southern division:** Ashford v Dunstable; Cornwall v Canterbury; Dover v Tonbridge; Gravesend and Northfleet v Trowbridge; Hastings v Andover; Sheppey v Burnham and Hillingdon; Thanet v Poole; Wateriooville v Chatham; Woodford v Ruislip.

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BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Braintree v Haverhill; Clacton v Bury; Colchester v Chatteris; Ely v Stowmarket; Felixstowe v Histon; March v Brantham (2.0); Soham v Harwich and Parkeston; Sudbury v Great Yarmouth; Thetford v Watton; Tiptree v Lowestoft; Wisbech v Gorleston.

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Fulham v York
Middlesbrough v Brentford
P Vale v Darlington
Rotherham v Newport
Swindon v Doncaster
Walsall v Bury
Wigan v Mansfield

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United v Fairford; Hounslow v Moreton; Morris Motors v Wallingford; Penhill v Abingdon Town; Rayners Lane v Wantage; Shortwood v Yate.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barkingside v Hanwell; Brimsdown v Beaconsfield; Edgware v Northwood; Pennant v Waltham Abbey; Redhill v Beckton; Yeading v Danson.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon v Whitley Bay; Consett v Chester le Street; Easington v Bishop Auckland; Newcastle Blue Star v Ryhope CA; North Shields v Spennymoor (3.15); Tow Law v Ferryhill; Whitby v Blyth.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe v Farsley; Belper v North Frriby; Bentley VW v Boston (at Winterton FC); Bridlington Town v Eastwood; Guiseley v Bridlington Trinity; Harrogate v Sutton Town; Long Eaton v Brigg; Pontefract v Emley; Thackley v Denaby.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bootle v Curzon Ashton; Glossop v Rossendale; Leek v Accrington Stanley; Lancaster v Prescot; Marine v Macclesfield; Mossley v Barrow; Oswestry v Southport; South Liverpool v Buxton; Witton v Rhyl.

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Vauxhall-Opel League Premier division
Barking v Worthing
B Stortford v Bromley
Famborough v Slough
Harrow v Bognor
Hendon v Croydon
Kingstonian v Hitchin
Tooting v St Albans
Wokingham v Windsor
Yeovil v Walthamstow

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

11.0, 110 overs minimum

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Sussex.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Essex.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Northamptonshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Yorkshire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Surrey.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Lancashire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Glamorgan.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent.
OTHER MATCH (11.30-6.30)
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Leicestershire.

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Mellor v Old Stopfordians; Stockport v Sale.
SOUTH OF ENGLAND FLAGS: Finals (at Queen Elizabeth stadium, Enfield): Senior flag: Hampstead v London University (3.0).

Scottish premier division
Dundee v Clydebank
Falkirk v Dundee Utd
Hibernian v Hamilton
Motherwell v Aberdeen
Rangers v Hearts
St Mirren v Celtic

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES
Abertillery v Cross Keys
Bedford v Bath
Cardiff v Neath
Cheltenham v Northampton
Coventry v Bristol
Exeter v Gloucester
Fylde v Headingley
Gosforth v Vale of Lune
Llanelli v South Wales Police
Middlesbrough v Roundhay
Moseley v Leicester
Newbridge v RAF
New Brighton v Birmingham
Newport v Nottingham
Nuneaton v West Hartlepool
Orrell v Saracens
Plymouth v Clifton
Pontypool v Aberavon
Pontypridd v Maesteg
Redruth v Ebbw Vale
Rugby v Otley
Sale v Swansea
Sheffield v Liverpool St Helens
Waterloo v Manchester
West of Scotland v Wakefield

INTERNATIONAL: Wales Under 21 v Scotland Under 21 (at Wrexham RFC).

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Abbey v Trojans; Maidenhead v Henley.

GIROBANK EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bremwood v Bury St Edmunds; Ipswich v Chingford.

HEART OF ENGLAND MERIT TABLE: Bedford Athletic v Vipers.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Colchester v Norwich; Chelmsford v Harlow; Eastleigh v Havant; Hendon v Fullerians; Old Camsbrigians v Oxford Old Boys.

BANKS AND SILVERS MERIT TABLE: Camp Hill v Kettering; Kidderminster v Kenilworth.

GLYNWED ENGINEERING MERIT TABLE: Long Buckby v Barker's Butts.

MERCIA MERIT TABLE: Dudley Kingswinford v Walsall; Hinckley v Stourbridge; Wolverhampton v Newbold.

MIDSHIRES MERIT TABLE: Old Saltleians v King's Norton.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Alcester v Birmingham United; Atherstone v Erdington; Aylestonians v Old Newtonians; Aylestone St James v Sysson; Bedworth v GEC Coventry; Bridgnorth v Duxonians; Chester v Stoke on Trent; Chesterfield v Selby; Coalville v Market Bosworth; Coventry Polytechnic v Broad Street; Coventry Tech College v Coventrians; Coventry Welsh v Crumlin; Derby v Tamworth; Droitwich v Kynoch; Earlsdon v South Leicester; Edwardians v Stafford; Handsworth v Stratford; Harbury v Old Wheatleyans; Kibworth v Old Ashbeians; Lucionians v Longlevens; Lutterworth v Southwell; Mellish v Wigston; Newark v Moderns; Newcastle v Newport (Salop); Nuneaton OE v Long Eaton; Old Bosworthians v Birstall; Old Centrals v Aston OE; Old Halesonians v Wanley; Old Leamingtonians v Bromsgrove; Old Silhillians v Old Moseleians; Old Warwickians v Old Coventrians; Old Yardleians v Selly Oak; Redditch v Five Ways; Stafford v Edwardians; Stoke Old Boys v Bournville; Sutton Scottish v Evesham; Telford v Welshpool; Veseyans v Old Longtonians; Warwick v Bridgnorth; Wellingborough OG v Belgraves; Westleigh v Solihull; Wigan v Burton; Wilmslow v Lichfield.

GIROBANK NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Aspatria v Lymm. **Second division:** Heaton Moor v Egremont.

NORTH: Club matches: Aspull v Oldham; Baildon v Wharfedale; Barnsley v Old Hymerians; Blackburn v Mold; Bramley v West Leeds; Burnage v Wallasey; Chester v Stoke; Chesterfield v Selby; Cleckheaton v Calder Vale; Davenport v Wharfedale; De La Salle v Ruskin Park; Goole v Scunthorpe; Hemsworth v Driffield; Huddersfield YMCA v Old Odsalians; Leodensians v Old Modernians; Marist v Grimsby; Moortown v Beverley; Northallerton v Roddilians; Old Brodleians v Keighley; Old Crossleyans v Ilkley; Pocklington v Malton and Norton; Pontefract v Littleborough; Ripon v Sandal; Rochdale v Castleford; Skipton v Yarnbury; Thornensians v Ionians; Warrington v Leigh; West Park v Hartlepool Rovers; West Park Bramhope v Scarborough; Wigan v Burton; Wilmslow v Lichfield; Wilmington Park v Worcester; York v Alrebrolnians; York RI v Roundhegians.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Liverpool v Kirkby Select (4.0); Birkenhead v EK '82 (4.0).

HOCKEY

CLUB MATCHES: Aldridge v North Stafford; Amington v Stanton; Barford Tigers v Lichfield; Barton v Spondon; Blossomfield v Rugby; Bngg v Beeston; Bromsgrove v Ludlow; Chapeltown v West Bridgford; Chesterfield v Stone; Disley v Hathersage; GEC/AEI Rugby v Derby; Grantham v Nottingham Gregory; Kenilworth v Leicester Kynoch v GEC Stafford; Loughborough v Leicester Westleigh; Michelin v Bartaston; Northampton Saints v Aylesbury; Nuneaton v Wombourne; Players v South Nottingham; Spalding v Wisbech; Stafford v Kidderminster; Stourport v Telford and Shifnal; Wednesbury v Shrewsbury; West Bromwich v Droitwich; Wombourne v Nuneaton; Wolverhampton v Bloxwich.

Scottish first division
Dumbarton v Clyde
Dunfermline v Queen of Sth
Forfar v Airdrie
Kilmarnock v Brechin
Montrose v Morton
Partick v E Fife

Scottish second division
Albion v Stranraer
Alloa v Stirling
Ayr v Raith
Berwick v Cowdenbeath
Meadowbank v E Stirling
Queen's Park v Arbroath
St Johnstone v Stenhsmuir

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Daily Mirror three peaks race (Yorkshire dales).
CANOEING: First division slalom event (at Tryweryn, Bala).
CYCLING: Milton Keynes 100mile professional race (at The Point, 10am).
ICE HOCKEY: Heineken British championships (at Wembley Arena).
ICE SKATING: Scottish championships (at Murrayfield rink).
MOTO-CROSS: World sidecar championships (at Streatly Hills, nr Reading).
POLO: Tyro Cup: Semi-final (at Cowdray Park).
REAL TENNIS: Women's World championship, Seacourt: Open over 50s singles (at Hatfield).
SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship (at Sheffield).
SQUASH RACKETS: Drakkar Noir National Club championship finals (at Telford).
TABLE TENNIS: England v China (at Oldham SC).
TENNIS: Pine Grove national ratings tournament (at Sheffield, 10.0).
VOLLEYBALL: British colleges championship (at York).

TOMORROW

Today League

Third division
Notts Co v Carlisle

Fourth division
Hereford v Halifax
Lincoln v Northampton

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

11.0 unless stated, 110 overs minimum

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Sussex.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Essex.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Northamptonshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Yorkshire (12.0).
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Surrey.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Lancashire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Glamorgan.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent.
TRIAL MATCH (11.0, 55 overs)
FENNER'S: BUSF v Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Camborne v Plymouth; Vale of Lune v Halifax.
LANCASHIRE CUP: Final: Waterloo v Orrell (at Fylde RFC).
HOME PARK (Windsor): Women's Rugby Football Union national sevens tournament (11am).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER PREMIERSHIP: First round: Castleford v Halifax (3.30); St Helens v Bradford; Warrington v Hull KR; Wigan v Widnes. **Second division premiership:** First round: Doncaster v Rochdale; Hunslet v Carlisle (3.30); Swinton v Bramley; Wheatheaven v Sheffield (3.30).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: National

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Border Guard.	2.30 Border Guard.
3.05 Paleface.	3.05 Paleface.
3.40 Door Latch.	3.40 —
4.15 ZAJAL (nap).	4.15 ZAJAL (nap).
4.45 Mashkour.	4.45 Mashkour.
5.20 Keen Edge.	5.20 Shades Of Night.
5.50 Rustle.	5.50 —

By Michael Seely

3.40 Door Latch. 4.15 ZAJAL (nap). 4.45 Mashkour.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 CONTRADEAL.

Going: good (flat course); good to firm (chase) Draw: 5f high numbers best

2.30 SANDOWN PARK MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O C & G: £3,200: 5f) (10 runners)

101	(1)		BELVEDERE COURT (J Prenn) J Winter 9-0	W R Swinburn —
102	(6)		BORDER GUARD (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	S Cauthen —
103	(5)	3	DIRECTOR'S CHOICE 7 (P Scarborough) D Wilson 9-0	T Williams —
105	(8)		FIRE TOP (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse —
106	(2)		LONDON STANDARD (Dr F Watson) G Lewis 9-0	G Starkey —
108	(9)	3	RED DOLLAR 16 (Brian Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-0	T Ives —
109	(7)	0	ROYAL DARTMOUTH 15 (Axminster Carpets Ltd) L Cottrell 9-0	W Carson —
111	(3)	0	TANG 15 (D Margolis) P Kelleway 9-0	P Cook —
112	(10)	00	TZUTIN 15 (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 9-0	R Hills —
113	(4)		VALUATION (J Livock) D Thom 9-0	T Quinn —

BETTING: 9-4 Border Guard, 7-2 Directors Choice, 4-1 Fire Top, 6-1 Tzutin, 8-1 Red Dollar, 10-1 Tang, 12-1 Royal Dartmouth, 14-1 others.

1986: RISK ME 9-0 P Cook (Evens fav) P Kelleway 5 ran

3.5 ESHER CUP (Handicap: 3-Y-O £12,349: 1m) (9 runners) C 4

202	(6)	232100-	LUZUM 213 (BF) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-7	R Hills 80
204	(1)	322-	TERTIARY ZONE 203 (D Agnew) P Cole 9-5	T Quinn 83
206	(9)	31201-0	LAST DANCE 9 (C,D,F) (J Norman) R Hannon 9-1	B Rouse 82
207	(7)	21230-1	PALEFACE 15 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Rudolf) L Piggott 8-6	T Ives ● 99
208	(3)	4210-31	IRISH SAILOR 11 (S) (M Heinimann) Pat Mitchell 8-5	P Cook 89
210	(4)	1-10	PRIME PRINCE 14 (D,S) (G Tong) R Armstrong 8-2	A McGlone 91
212	(5)	222-	HOW VERY TOUCHING 218 (R Gibbons) J Hindley 8-0	T Williams 84
213	(2)	321-	BRONZEWING 173 (G) (Sir T Pilkington) J Dunlop 7-12	W Carson 89
216	(8)	0-1	DEEP WATER BAY 24 (S) (M Bamber) I Matthews 7-7	G Bardwell (5) 87

BETTING: 15-8 Paleface, 5-1 Prime Prince, 13-2 Irish Sailor, 7-1 Last Dance, 10-1 How Very Touching, Luzum, Tertiary Zone, 12-1 Bronzewing, 16-1 Deep Water Bay.

1986: SWIFT TROOPER 8-5 R Cochrane (7-2 fav) R Williams 10 ran

FORM TERTIARY ZONE (8-11) was far from disgraced when 6l 2nd to Suhaile (9-5) in a fast run race at Haydock (1m 40y, £7390, firm, Oct 4, 3 ran).
PALEFACE (9-2) improved on some decent nursery efforts when a 8l winner from Perfect Stranger (8-8) on heavy ground at Newbury (1m, £4104, Apr 10, 11 ran) with IRISH SAILOR (8-13) 1½l back in 3rd. Subsequently IRISH SAILOR (8-12) beat the dead heaters Anubi (8-8) and Colway Rally (9-0) 2½l at Newmarket (7f, £5072, good, Apr 14, 15 ran). Cagnes winner PRIME PRINCE was outclassed in the Greenham behind Risk Me, and is better judged on a (8-11) ½l win over Dannaas (8-11) at Doncaster last season (7f, £1291, good to soft, Oct 24, 12 ran). HOW VERY TOUCHING put up a couple of good outings in defeat, most notably on debut when (8-11) 1½l 2nd to Genghiz (9-6) at Newmarket (6f, £3398, good, Aug 22, 7 ran).
DEEP WATER BAY (9-0) was ridden out to beat Kings Victory (9-0) a head at Hamilton (1m 40y, £1018, heavy, Apr 1, 12 ran).
Selection: PALEFACE

3.40 WHITBREAD GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£32,250: 3m 5f 18yd) (9 runners) C 4

301		111131	DESERT ORCHID 17 (C,F,G,S) (R Burridge) D Elsworth 8-12-0	C Brown 98
304		0-UF123	DOOR LATCH 37 (C,F,G,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 9-11-1	R Rowe 97
305		1102P3	BROADHEATH 35 (C,F,G,S) (M Marsh) D Barons 10-10-6	P Nicholls 92
306		24F000	PLUNDERING 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 10-10-3	S Sherwood 95
307		1P02P3	I HAVENTALIGHT 25 (B,C,F,G,S) (Torsillex Ltd) F Winter 8-10-2	P Scudamore 95
308		0F-43P3	CONTRADEAL 22 (G,S) (V Barclay) F Watwyn 10-10-0	K Mooney ● 99
310		042342	THE LANGHOLM DYER 5 (F,G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 8-10-0	— 89
311		33T123	LEAN AR AGHAIDH 21 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs W Tulloch) S Mellor 10-10-0	G Landau (4) 92
315		P012F1	TORSIDE 30 (S) (G C Bisgrove Ltd) M Pipe 8-10-0	M Perrett 89

BETTING: 100-30 Desert Orchid, 9-2 Contradeal, Door Latch, 8-1 Lean Ar Aghaidh, 10-1 The Langholm Dyer, Torside, 11-1 Broadheath, I Haventalight, Plundering.

1986: PLUNDERING 9-10-6 S Sherwood (14-1) F Winter 16 ran

FORM DESERT ORCHID (12-4) rallied in the gamest style to beat Gold Bearer (10-0) 2l at Ascot (2m 4f, £7142, good to soft, Apr 8, 7 ran). On of his best efforts came when (11-10) beating DOOR LATCH (11-10) an impressive 15l at Kempton (3m, £31696, soft, Dec 26, 9 ran). On most recent outing DOOR LATCH (12-0) far from disgraced when 4l 3rd to The Thinker (12-0) in The Cheltenham Gold Cup (3m 2f, £55000, good to soft, Mar 19, 12 ran).
Best effort this season from BROADHEATH (10-5) when beating Two Coppers (10-0) 1½l at Newbury (3m 2f, £17444, good to soft, Nov 22, 15 ran), a race in which PLUNDERING (10-12) was 3l behind in 4th, THE LANGHOLM DYER (10-3) 8th and DOOR LATCH (11-1) weakening when falling 3 out.
PLUNDERING (10-5) won this event last year with I HAVENTALIGHT (10-6) 21½l behind in 4th and DOOR LATCH (11-7) a disappointing 11th (3m 5f, £24809, soft, Apr 26, 16 ran).
I HAVENTALIGHT (10-11) last showed best when beating Queenesway Boy (10-0) 3½l at Cheltenham (3m 1f, £7700, good, Dec 5, 6 ran).
CONTRADEAL (11-2) one paced from 2 out when 3l 2nd to Gamsay (10-11) at Liverpool (3m 1f, £5409, good, Apr 3, 10 ran).
THE LANGHOLM DYER (11-3) up to best on latest start when ¾l 2nd to Mr Frisk (11-0) at Wetherby (3m, £7804, good to firm, Apr 20, 7 ran).
LEAN AR AGHAIDH (10-0) gave a superb display of jumping when 9l 3rd to Maori Venture (10-13) in The Grand National (4m 4f, £54710, good, Apr 4, 40 ran) with PLUNDERING (10-11) a well beaten 16th.
TORSIDE (11-7) showed much improved form on latest start to beat Fair Child (10-1) 12l at Taunton (3m 5f, £3465, good to soft, Mar 26, 9 ran).
Selection: DESERT ORCHID

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	17	64	26.6
W Hern	20	78	25.6
M Stoute	32	138	23.2
N Hindley	7	36	19.4
C Brittain	28	165	15.8
R Armstrong	12	92	13.0

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
T Quinn	16	77	20.8
W Carson	46	228	20.2
S Cauthen	32	194	16.5
G Starkey	30	187	16.0
W R Swinburn	21	154	13.6
Only qualifiers			

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... S West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.15 GUARDIAN CLASSIC TRIAL (Group III: 3-Y-O C & G: £23,814: 1m 2f) (8 runners) C 4

402	(3)	23112-0	BENGAL FIRE 27 (F,G) (N Phillips) C Brittain 8-12	S Cauthen ● 99
403	(2)	10101-0	GULF KING 9 (G,S) (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-12	P Cook 90
404	(8)	01202-2	BROTHER PATRICK 15 (F) (A Leftwich) L Piggott 8-7	T Ives 82
405	(1)	3-4	CATHEDRAL PEAK 9 (P Deal) M Usher 8-7	M Wigham 88
407	(6)	13420-1	DR BULASCO 30 (G,S) (D Brown) S Norton 8-7	T Williams 96
408	(4)	011-	GRAND TOUR 175 (D,F,S) (L Schott) W Hastings-Bass 8-7	G Starkey 94
411	(7)	4102-	ROUNDLET 253 (F) (The Queen) W Hern 8-7	W Carson 95
413	(5)	1-	ZAJAL 212 (F) (Maria Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-7	W R Swinburn 97

BETTING: 11-10 Zajal, 5-1 Bengal Fire, 13-2 Dr Bulasco, 10-1 Grand Tour, 12-1 Roundlet, 14-1 Gulf King, 16-1 Brother Patrick.

1986: SHAHRASTANI 8-7 W R Swinburn (2-1) M Stoute 4 ran

FORM BENGAL FIRE races here after an abortive attempt at the American Triple Crown. Right up to form final start last year (9-0) when 5l 2nd to Reference Point (9-0) in the Futurity at Doncaster (1m, £44120, good, Oct 25, 10 ran).
GULF KING was below form in the Craven behind Ajdal and is better judged (9-0) on a 1½l win over Wart Till Monday (9-0) in a Group 2 event at The Curragh (1m, £28950, good, Oct 12, 9 ran).
CATHEDRAL PEAK (8-11), ran a good race when a 33/1 chance, 2l 4th to Derby hope Legal Bid (9-0) in a Listed race at Newmarket (1m 1f, £9209, good, Apr 16, 8 ran).
DR BULASCO (8-0) impressed a lot of observers, and improved on juvenile form when an easy 4l winner over Resourceful Falcon (9-3) at Doncaster (1m Listed, £11024, soft, Mar 26, 11 ran).
GRAND TOUR made light work of a 3l win over Arrasas (8-11) at Newmarket (1m 2f Listed, £9536, soft, Nov 1, 12 ran) and looks the sort to make into a better three year old.
ROUNDLET (9-3) was up to form when 2½l 2nd to Deputy Governor (8-11) at Newbury (7f, £7401, good, Aug 15, 7 ran) with DR BULASCO (8-11) ½l back in 3rd.
ZAJAL looks to be Michael Stoute's number one Derby challenger and will be well fancied to improve on a (9-0) 2l win over Rose Reef (9-0) at Ascot (8f, £7351, good to firm, Sep 25, 9 ran).
Selection: DR BULASCO

4.45 GORDON RICHARDS EBF STAKES (Group III: £21,546: 1m 2f) (9 runners) C 4

501	(6)	010012-	ALLEZ MILORD 153 (F,G,S) (J Brody) G Harwood 4-9-2	G Starkey 93
502	(8)	111330-	BOON POINT 195 (F) (N Avery) J Dunlop 4-8-13	W Carson 86
503	(9)	2000-01	K-BATTERY 10 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 5-8-11	T Ives 88
504	(2)	134230-	MASHKOUR 168 (C,F,G,S) (Prince Ahmed Salman) H Cecil 4-8-11	S Cauthen ● 99
505	(4)	40000-0	AMERIGO VESPUCCI 10 (G,S) (R Kasselowsky) John FitzGerald 5-8-8	R Hills 81
506	(7)	000121-	GESEDEH 177 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 4-8-6	B Raymond 92
507	(3)	210/00-	JAREER 312 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-8	W R Swinburn 90
508	(5)	110/	MINSTREL STAR 180 (Mrs E O'Donnell) D O'Donnell 6-8-8	A Clark —
510	(1)	00-0002	SHARP NOBLE 5 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohamed Al Sabah) J Bethell 5-8-8	P Cook 79

BETTING: 11-4 Mashkour, 100-30 Gesedeh, 5-1 Allez Milord, 11-2 Jareer, 9-1 K-Battery, 10-1 Boon Point, 12-1 Amerigo Vespucci, 20-1 Sharp Noble, 50-1 Minstrel Star.

1986: SUPREME LEADER 5-8-12 P Robinson (1-2 fav) C Brittain 9 ran

FORM BOON POINT is best judged on (8-9) a 2l 3rd to Chinoiserie (8-6) in a Goodwood Listed race (1m 2f, £7661, good, Sep 30, 7 ran).
K-BATTERY, has a fitness edge over his rivals, was (8-10) right up to best when beating Charlino (8-10) ¾l with AMERIGO VESPUCCI (8-10) 5½l further back in 5th at Newmarket (1m 1f Group 3, £21759, good, Apr 15, 10 ran).
MASHKOUR (8-7) head 2nd to Nisnas (8-7) with a slightly disappointing ALLEZ MILORD (8-7) 2l away 5th at York (1m 4f, £33705, good, Aug 20, 7 ran).
ALLEZ MILORD showed better form subsequently when (8-9) a head 2nd to Jupiter Island (9-0) in the Japan Cup, Tokyo (1m 4f Grade 1, £359724, firm, Nov 23, 15 ran).
GESEDEH, a winner at Saint-Cloud last backend, was up to best when (8-7) a length 2nd to Dusty Dollar (8-7) at Newmarket (1m 2f Group 2, £23487, good to firm, 7 ran).
JAREER, something of a talking horse, can only be judged on (9-0) an 8l 12th to Shahrastani (9-0) in the Derby, where MASHKOUR (9-0) finished 3l 2nd and ALLEZ MILORD (9-0) 8¼l 10th, Epsom (1m 4f Group 1, £235280, good, Jun 4, 17 ran).
Selection: MASHKOUR

5.20 MARCUS BERESFORD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,071: 5f) (12 runners)

601	(11)	120-100	FOURWALK 7 (D,F,S) (W Fouracres) Mrs N Macauley 9-11	R Hills ● 99
604	(3)	221414-	SHADES OF NIGHT 9 (D,F,S) (P Nurse) J Winter 8-7	W R Swinburn 85
605	(1)	0001-13	SPITZABIT 7 (BF,G) (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 8-4 (7ex)	P Cook 97
606	(5)	(2810-0	KEPT WAITING 9 (D,F) (Mrs R Beckwith) W Musson 8-2	M Wigham 93
607	(9)	000-2	SWISS CONNECTION 11 (H Hutton) R Hutchinson 8-1	W Carson 95
609	(8)	03024-4	KEEN EDGE 7 (T Tobin) P Mitchell 7-13	A McGlone 94
610	(5)	040-131	ALWAYS A LADY 7 (D,G,S) (G Steinberg) L Holt 7-12 (5ex)	R Morse (5) 95
611	(7)	202210-	INFANTA MARIA 217 (D,S) (G Johnson) N Vigors 7-11	S Dawson 96
613	(10)	031-	SINGING PARTNER 215 (D,F) (Mrs M Smyly) R Smyly 7-11	C Rutter (3) 96
614	(2)	020-0	MONETARY FUND 15 (D Khan) G Lewis 7-11	R Fox 94
616	(12)	000-01	PROFIT A PRENDRE 15 (D,S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 7-7 (7ex)	T Williams 93
619	(4)	004000-	MIGHTY BOLD 198 (Dr C Li) R Armstrong 7-7	R Still 98

BETTING: 4-1 Infanta Maria, 5-1 Singing Partner, 6-1 Fourwalk, 7-1 Swiss Connection, 8-1 Spitzabit, 10-1 Always A Lady, 12-1 Monetary Fund, 14-1 Kept Waiting, 16-1 Shades Of Night, 20-1 Profit A Prendre, 25-1 Mighty Bold, Keen Edge.

1986: TREASURE KAY 9-7 B Thomson (14-1) P Makin 10 ran

FORM FOURWALK (8-3) was disqualified after a neck win over Bestptan (8-3) at Haydock (5f Listed, £7282, good, Apr 18, 10 ran).
SPITZABIT (7-11) needed to be ridden out to beat SHADES OF NIGHT (8-7) 3l at Newmarket (6f, £4721, good, Apr 16, 12 ran) with FOURWALK (9-11) 5¾l 5th and KEPT WAITING (8-2) outpaced in 8th.
SWISS CONNECTION (9-0) looks the type to improve as a three-year-old and was not far away on reappearance when a length 2nd to On The Record (8-11) at Wolverhampton (5f, £822, soft, Apr 14, 10 ran).
ALWAYS A LADY (7-6) just caught Mukhabbir (9-7) on the line at Kempton (6f, £2797, good, Apr 18, 17 ran) with SPITZABIT (8-7) a head back in 3rd and KEEN EDGE (8-3) 2¼l 5th.
PROFIT A PRENDRE (8-6) beat Cree's Figurine (9-3) ½l at Newbury (5f, £3688, heavy, Apr 10, 6 ran) with ALWAYS A LADY (9-2) 3l 3rd and the slow starting MONETARY FUND (9-3) who needed the race a well beaten 6th.
MONETARY FUND (9-0) is better judged on a 2l 2nd to Tez Shikari (9-0) at Epsom (6f, £2107, soft, Aug 26, 8 ran).
MIGHTY BOLD is a very frustrating character, but is well handicapped on a (7-11) one length 6th to SHADES OF NIGHT (7-8) at a Kempton Nursery (6f, £2560, good to firm, Sep 6, 18 ran).
Selection: SWISS CONNECTION

5.50 EBF SANDOWN 'SUPREME' NH FLAT RACE (£3,392: 2m) (9 runners)

1		11	RUSTLE 22 (D,S) (R Waley-Cohen) N Henderson 5-11-10	M Bowlby (7) —
3		3	DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 150 (H Mendoza) K Bailey 5-11-2	Mrs T Bailey (7) —
4		3	DUPE'S CIGAR 28 (Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) P Hobbs 5-11-2	I Wright (7) —
6		2	RED RAMBO 28 (A Brewer) F Jordan 5-11-2	— —
9		1	MAUSOLEE 110 (D,G) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 4-11-1	D Gallagher (7) —
11		11	MUREX 14 (D,S) (G Rickman) Miss S Hall 4-11-0	— —
12		00	ABBREVIATION 42 (P Hopkins) J Gifford 4-10-11	— —
18		3	SAPPERTON 24 (Mrs A Chapman) O Sherwood 4-10-11	R Boucher (7) —
19		2	SPECKYFOUREYES 54 (J Pearce) J Pearce 4-10-6	Mrs L Pearce —

BETTING: 3-1 Rustle, 4-1 Murex, 5-1 Mausolee, 6-1 Sapperton, 8-1 Abbreviation, 10-1 Speckyfoureyes, 12-1 Docklands Express, 14-1 Dupes Cigar, 16-1 Red Rambo.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

RACING

Door Latch weighted to triumph on an emotional afternoon

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Emotions will run high at Sandown Park today when the Whitbread Gold Cup again takes pride of place. While many will be rooting for that supremely popular grey, Desert Orchid, an equal number will be hoping that the grand old man of racing, Jim Joel, will have his famous black and scarlet colours carried to victory by Door Latch, as they were in the Grand National by Maori Venture. Either result would give me immeasurable pleasure.

Racing around one of his favourite right-hand courses, where he has already won five times, Desert Orchid will become the first jumper to win £100,000 in prize-money in a season if he succeeds.

The question which only the race will answer is whether he will prove to be as good over three miles and five furlongs as we know him to be over three miles or less.

If, however, there is a chink in his stamina this should be exposed by the more stoutly-bred Door Latch, who will be meeting Desert Orchid on 13lb better terms than when they clashed in the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

On that occasion Desert Orchid caught them all flat-footed on the sharp track, so much so that at the finish he had 15 lengths to spare. Over today's distance, though, it could be a different story especially as with only one race – that third in the Gold Cup – under his belt in the meantime Door Latch could easily be the fresher just 18 days after Desert Orchid had an undeniably hard race at Ascot.



David Elsworth: saddles Desert Orchid at Sandown

True to form Fulke Walwyn has another fancied runner for the race he has already won seven times. This is Contradeal, whose recent Liverpool form received a timely boost when Golden Friend won at Cheltenham on Wednesday.

Fred Winter, his next door neighbour in Upper Lambourn, runs Plundering and I Haventalight just as he did 12 months ago. On that occasion I Haventalight, ridden by Peter Scudamore, started favourite but could finish only fourth. The winner was his stable companion with Simon Sherwood in the saddle.

Today's nap though is reserved for Zajal in the Guardian Classic Trial. Already the medium of a sustained and inspired ante-post gamble to win this year's Derby, Zajal is following in the footsteps of two other colts trained by Michael Stoute, Shahrastani and Shergar.

All those involved with Zajal are delighted with his progress this spring, a pleasure shared by George Robinson, our Newmarket correspondent, who has spoken time and again recently about the prowess he has shown.

The easy winner of his only race as a two-year-old at Ascot, Zajal must account for this lot if he is to be regarded as the serious contender for the Derby I believe him to be.

The pick of his opposition, on form at any rate, is Bengal Fire, who won the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot last September before running second to Reference Point in the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster. Unfortunately he had an unhappy experience in the United States recently while being prepared for a tilt, which did not materialize, at the Kentucky Derby.

While the conditions of the Gordon Richards Stakes give Mashkour a definite chance of beating the gallant Japan runner-up, Allez Milord, I would not be surprised to see Jareer acquit himself well.

LEICESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Polish Count. 2.30 Enchanting Andy. 3.0 Huntingdale. 3.30 Shaine. 4.0 Isla Bridge. 4.30 Kingsfold Flame.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Polish Count. 3.0 Huntingdale. 3.30 Regal Ambition. 4.0 Isla Bridge. 4.30 Polynor.

Going: good Draw: low numbers best

2.0 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,257: 1m) (24 runners)

4		00-	ASH-DEE ROYALE 172 H Whang 9-0	W Woods (3) 7
5		30-3	BECCADELLI 14 C Tinkler 9-0	— 17
7		0-4	CANDLE DANCER 12 P Feigate 9-0	A Mackay 13
9		000	CONVINCING 180 D Lang 9-0	N Adams 12
22			KNOW ALL L Cumani 9-0	R Guest 8
26		0	MEDIA STARGUEST 10 L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane 10
27		000-	PERSIAN DYNASTY 287 M Usher 9-0	D McKay 22
28		020-	PETICOV SHADES 218 P Calver 9-0	M Fry 18
30			POLISH COUNT M Stoute 9-0	A Kimberley 14
36		0	SPOT MARKET 10 H Cecil 9-0	Paul Eddery 19
37			SPRATS BRAT 208 R Dickin 9-0	S Dawson 23
40			TOPGLOW A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts 20
41		00-	VA LUTE 182 J Francome 9-0	T Thompson (7) 6
44		440-	WONDERFUL WILLIAM 184 D Laing 9-0	S Whitworth 11
46			BETTER TRY AGAIN M Francis 8-11	B Thomson 15
48		300-	COME ON OYSTON 222 F Yardley 8-11	I Johnson 24
50		0	FAIR MINSTREL 5 R Dickin 8-11	P Waldron 21
52		003-	FREE SKIP 173 P Feigate 8-11	J Williams 1
53		000-	GLAMIS GIRL 207 E Wheeler 8-11	M Hills 9
55		00	LIFETIDE 5 W Holden 8-11	S Keightley 3
58		0-	LOVEABLE PRINCESS 173 M Ryan 8-11	P Robinson 16
63		0-	PIT TALK 182 J Watts 8-11	— 5
66			SEA ISLAND J Dunlop 8-11	J Reid 2
68			SURMISE H Candy 8-11	W Newnes 4

11-4 Polish Count, 3-1 Spot Market, 4-1 Surmise, 8-1 Topglow, 10-1 Know All, 12-1 Peticov Shades.

2.30 GADSBY SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £742: 5f)(13)

3		4	ENCHANTING ANDY 19 K Stone 8-11	— 8
4			HERBIE JOHN P Calver 8-11	M Fry 13
6			ANNACANDO N Vigors 8-6	S Dawson 9
9			ARKSEY FLYER J Berry 8-6	— 1
11		0	BELLA SENORINA 5 K Brassey 8-6	N Adams 7
13			DUBLIN CHIME M Brittain 8-6	P Robinson 2
14			HAYDEN COURT G Balding 8-6	J Williams 12
15			KETTI W G M Turner 8-6	P Waldron 5
17			LITTLE OLE WINO C Tinkler 8-6	— 10
18		0	MAN JELLYN 16 R Hoad 8-6	W Newnes 3
21			RISOMGNOE M Usher 8-6	D McKay 11
23			SNOW SHOW M Usher 8-6	M Madden 4
25			WHOISIT W Morris 8-6	I Johnson 6

100-30 Hayden Court, 7-2 Arksey Flyer, 5-1 Enchanting Andy, 8-1 Bella Senorina, 9-1 Snow Show, 10-1 Annacando.

3.0 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS EBF TROPHY STAKES (Listed race: £7,661: 7f) (12)

2		0-00	JOHN PATRICK 4 (S) J Booth 6-8-13	V Smith 9
3		34-2	CHARTINO 10 (D,F,G,S) G Hufter 4-8-10	G Carter 1
4		3-02	GODS LANE 14 John FitzGerald 4-8-10	G Baxter 10
5		-340	HUNTINGDALE 312 (D,G) J Hindley 4-8-10	M Hills 3
7		000-	SHIMAIREEKH 210 (F,G) (D) P Walwyn 5-8-10	B Thomson 7
8			TEN NO TRUMPS M Stoute 4-8-10	A Kimberley 8
9		0	VERMEER 5 J Spearing 4-8-10	J Williams 2
10		04-0	CASHUE LADY 30 P Cole 4-8-7	P Waldron 11
11		/21-	FLOWER BOWL 320 (CD,F) J Dunlop 4-8-7	W Newnes 6
12		0-10	LONELY STREET 11 (F,G,S) P Arthur 6-8-7	R Cochrane 12
13		4-02	QUE SYMPATICA 11 (D,G,S) C Nelson 5-8-7	J Reid 5
14		020-	STATELY LASS 181 (D,S) J Winter 4-8-7	P Robinson 4

3-1 Huntingdale, 4-1 Que Sympatica, 11-2 Chartino, 6-1 Flower Bowl, 7-1 Carnus Lady, 8-1 Stately Lass.

3.30 SPRING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,633: 1m 4f) (19)

1		1	REGAL AMBITION 26 (C,S) J Shaw 9-9	Paul Eddery 7
2		212-	GAELIC LOVER 186 (G) C Tinkler 9-5	— 8
4		000-	SURF BOARD 213 J Hindley 9-5	M Hills 2
5		0-1	NORTHERN ALLIANCE 25 (D,S) G Lewis 9-4	G Sexton 18
6		0-13	TRIBAL PAGEANT 7 (S) I Matthews 9-4	C Dwyer 5
9		301-	NORTH PACIFIC 194 (G) P Cole 8-13	A Culhane (7) 14
11		000-	DURBO 180 H Candy 8-10	W Newnes 1
12		000-	JANE MARPLE 168 D Morley 8-10	Dale Gibson (7) 16
13		0011	ISLAND KING 5 (CD,G,S) G Balding 8-10 (5ex)	G Baxter 17
15		00-0	FRENDLY FELLOW 26 J Watts 8-8	B Thomson 3
18		000-	COMEDY SAL 184 M Francis 8-6	J Reid 6
19		0-00	BATTLE HEIGHTS 16 (B) K Brassey 8-4	P Wallace 12
20		0-30	VISION OF WONDER 7 (G) M Usher 8-1	M Madden 15
21		00-0	RUNNING MONEY 11 Capt J Wilson 8-1	B Crossley 13
23		300-	JUST ON TIME 229 G Hufter 8-1	G Carter 9
25		0-20	UNO'S PET 11 K Stone 8-0	A Mackay 18
28		00-1	SHAINE 7 (S) E Elsey 7-11 (5ex)	J Quinn (5) 19
29		000-	HIGHLAND LAIRD 173 D Morley 7-9	Dale Gibson (7) 11
30		30-0	RED SKY AT NIGHT 11 C Wildman 7-7	N Adams 4

4-1 Island King, 9-2 Tribal Pageant, North Pacific, 5-1 Uno's Pet, 11-2 Regal Ambition, 6-1 Shaine.

4.0 WOOLSTHORPE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £828: 5f) (13)

1		0	AQUARIAN PRINCE 9 (B) R Casey 9-0	Paul Eddery 12
3		6	CAPTAIN CUTE 4 D Thom 9-0	G Baxter 11
5			DEALERS DELIGHT R Boss 9-0	B Thomson 9
7			GIBSOT E Eldin 9-0	A Mackay 10
10		3	ISLA BRIDGE 25 J Payne 9-0	R Cochrane 8
11			GOLDEN PETINGO M Brittain 9-0	P Robinson 3
12			LUCKY JO J Berry 9-0	— 5
14		30	O K KID 12 (B) W G M Turner 8-0	P Waldron 6
15			PELORUS M Stoute 9-0	W Newnes 2
19			SPACE LAB K Brassey 9-0	M Hills 1
21			SWAYED ASHORE K White 9-0	J Williams 4
27			MISS TUNEFUL C Spares 8-9	A Proud 13
28			MY DIAMOND RING M Usher 8-9	NON—RUNNER

7-4 Isla Bridge, 3-1 O K Kid, 7-2 Aquarian Prince, 6-1 Golden Petingo, 8-1 Space Lab, 12-1 Lucky Jo, 25-1 others.

4.30 WEIGHING ROOM HANDICAP (£2,676: 1m 2f) (9)

4		14-4	KINGSFOLD FLAME 19 (F) M Haynes 4-9-7	A Shoults (7) 4
5		/00-	PARKIES BAR 361 (C,G,S) J Jenkins 4-9-0	J Williams 5
6		-000	EXPLETIVE 11 (B,F,G) M Eckley 7-9-0	J Reid 3
9		13-0	PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE 5 (D,F) S Woodman 4-8-13	W Newnes 8
11		000-	MAL-Y-PENSE 190 (F) D Morley 4-8-12	R Cochrane 2
12		0000	QUALITAIR KING 7 (S) K Stone 4-8-5	S Keightley 1
18		-00	POLYNOR 29 (D,G) M Ryan 5-8-4	P Robinson 7
19		0-03	ROAD TO KELLS 12 C Benstead 5-8-3	G French 6
20		9-20	MARSDOM 11 (D,G) H Beasley 5-8-1	P McGurk (7) 9

9-4 Marsoom, 11-4 Pause For Applause, 5-1 Mal-Y-Pense, Kingsfold Flame, 8-1 Road To Kells, 14-1 Parkies Bar.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 35 winners from 81 runners, 43.2%; M Stoute 24 from 82, 29.3%; J Dunlop, 29 from 115, 25.7%; L Cumani, 9 from 45, 20.0%; P Cole, 17 from 123, 13.8%; P Walwyn, 9 from 81, 11.1%.
JOCKEYS: P Robinson 13 winners from 156 rides, 8

RACING

Late challenge by Vertige denies Teleprompter valuable Sandown prize

By Michael Seely

Patrick Biancone, the Napoleon of the French turf, and Tony Cruz, the former champion jockey of Hong Kong, swooped to conquer at Sandown Park yesterday when Vertige produced a remarkable burst of finishing speed to beat Teleprompter in the Trusthouse Forte Mile.

Now seven years old, Teleprompter, the fourth-highest prize-money earner in European history, has still never managed to win first time out. "I thought I had him straight," said Bill Watts, the trainer of Lord Derby's winner of the 1985 Arlington Million. "But the uphill finish found the old boy out."

Teleprompter and Hadeer, the third horse home, are to renew their rivalry in the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury on May 15, and Biancone plans to bring over Steinlen, a winner at Longchamp last Monday. "He's 10 lengths better than Vertige," said the trainer emphatically.

Formerly with Henry Cecil, the five-year-old Vertige finished a creditable sixth behind his stable companion, Grand Pavois, in the Prix d'Harcourt. "He's generally acting as pacemaker for the good horses," Biancone continued. "But today we let him run for himself."

Cruz had held Vertige well off the pace as Teleprompter had adopted his usual front-running tactics, and the winning combination made up at least five lengths in the last two furlongs. "We knew how to beat Teleprompter, but Tony made his own plan," concluded Biancone. "We both like to do things our own way."

The Macao-born rider, who first made an impact on the British public when winning last autumn's Dubai Champion Stakes on Triptych, is now leading jockey in France this season with 17 winners to his credit. Biancone plans to give Triptych her seasonal debut in the Prix Ganay before bringing Alan Clore's mare over to Epsom for the Coronation Cup.

Earlier in the afternoon Michael Stoute's successful season continued when Walter Swinburn made most of the running on Neshad in the Tudor Stakes. Quickening away from his rivals entering the last furlong, the Aga Khan's grey colt beat Pichirico by 2½l lengths.

The reigning champion trainer will now be three-handed in next Thursday's 1,000 Guineas. Yves Saint-Martin has been booked to partner Mamouna, who ran such a fine race on her first appearance of the season when third to Interval at Kempton.

The afternoon had started on a high note for Barry Hills when Cash Asmussen rode Endearing to a convincing win over her stable companion. Timely, in the Juvenile Maiden Fillies Stakes. Criticized by the Irish Press for his handling of Seattle Dancer at Phoenix Park last Saturday, Asmussen here rode a patient and well-judged race over Sandown's stiff five furlongs.

"The winner will go for the Race-A-Round Yorkshire Stakes at the York spring meeting," said the trainer. "But I thought Robert Sangster's filly ran a blinder to finish second, and I'm now going to try and win the Sceptre Maiden Stakes for the owner at his local meeting, Chester."

Hills and Asmussen went on to complete a double and give the trainer his eighth winner from Manton, when Kaytiggy proved too strong for Overdrive in the Childwick Bury Maiden Stakes.

English raiders at Longchamp

Olivier Douieb's Pillar Of Wisdom (Steve Cauthen) misses the Guardian Classic Trial at Sandown today to run in the Prix de Guiche (1m 1f 55yd) at Longchamp tomorrow (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Lucratif (Paul Cook), who won the Italian 2,000 Guineas two weeks ago, represents Ian Balding in this group three event. Groom Dancer (Dominique Boeuf) and Glienicke, whom Pat Eddery rides for Andre Fabre, look best of the home team.

Eddery is again in action for Fabre in the Prix de la Grotte (group three, 1m) a race which is almost a dress rehearsal for the French 1,000 Guineas. Eddery partners the outsider, Somptueuse, but the likely favourites are the Aga Khan's Danishkada (Yves Saint-Martin), who beat Lockton in the Grand Criterium, and Sakura Reiko (Tony Cruz).

BOXING: HOME ADVANTAGE MAY HELP TO PUT A SMILE BACK IN IRISH EYES

McAuley has puncher's chance

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Would not Rinty Monaghan have been surprised to see Dave McAuley trying to bring back to Ireland the world title the singing flyweight won nearly 40 years ago? Monaghan won his title after 58 contests, McAuley has had just 13.

McAuley's manager, B J Eastwood, has certainly surprised boxing buffs by his bold move of challenging Fidel Bassa, the 24-year-old World Boxing Association champion, from Colombia. True that Bassa has had only four more contests than McAuley, but little fighters from South America are usually of a higher class than their British counterparts and as such those opponents may have provided the champion with a wider margin of experience than numbers of bouts show.

If the 25-year-old McAuley, who is unbeaten, can pull it off, as his trainer Eddie Shaw believes he will in the tenth round at the King's Hall, Belfast, tonight, Irish eyes will be smiling again as in the days of Barry McGuigan.

Eastwood is only one of the few British experts to have seen Bassa in action. Eastwood went to Barranquilla, in Colombia, to see Bassa challenge the great Hilario Zapata. Eastwood saw Bassa knock Zapata down in the eighth and then outpoint him. He admits that since Zapata can make the best look ordinary, he might have underestimated the Colombian but he still decided to challenge believing that McAuley's left hook could wipe out any technical advantage Bassa might have.

Eastwood brought in three top sparring partners from Panama. José Marmolejo, the world No. 1 featherweight contender, Roy Thompson, a light flyweight contender, and Bernardo Checo. They have all been toughening up McAuley under the watchful eye of Fredrico Plummer, who worked with Wilfredo Gomez, the former double world champion.

Eastwood's son, Brian, said yesterday: "We know it's a tough fight but we had to take it as he was willing to come to Belfast. Otherwise we would have had to fight him in his own country and you know what happened there when Bassa fought Zapata." Brian Eastwood was referring to the incident in the eighth round when Zapata was on the floor and a Bassa supporter dragged him by the ankle and gave him a fourpenny one and knocked him out properly. The bout had to be stopped for five minutes to give Zapata time to recover.

Bassa has given away home advantage because Luis Spada, Zapata's manager, who has two options on Bassa's defences, is a friend of Eastwood and offered to bring Bassa to Belfast. Spada has a share in the promotion.

But the Colombians are not aiming to leave their title behind. The champion, who is unbeaten and knocked out 13 of his 17 opponents, has had to share two sparring partners, Roy Webb and Thompson, with McAuley, because the Colombians refused to use the "overweight" sparring partners provided by Eastwood. Bassa's manager, Billy Chams, said: "Eastwood told us there would be no problem finding flyweight sparring partners, but when we got here we found there were none waiting for us."

Sure enough, information about Bassa's capabilities was carried back to McAuley. Brian Eastwood said: "They told us that McAuley is a harder puncher and will knock out Bassa if he catches him. But Bassa is faster and throws more punches."

Those who have seen Bassa sparring have been greatly impressed by the speed of his combinations. Even Herol Graham, Britain's world middleweight No. 1, said of his right hand: "That's the best sneak right that I have ever seen."

Chams did not mind what tales the sparring partners carried back to the opposing camp. "McAuley is strong but he does not have much technique," Chams said. "We are faster and we are prepared to go 15 rounds if necessary. We are not going to fight McAuley's fight. He will have to find us. We have heard about the reputation of the King's Hall but Bassa does not understand English and I do not intend to translate what the Irish people will be saying. Whether we box him or fight him we will win," he said.

Tale of the tape

McAuley		Bassa
25	Age	24
9st	Weight	9st
5ft 7½in	Height	5ft 5in
80in	Reach	69in
Chest		
35in	Normal	32½in
38½in	Expanded	34in
11in	Biceps	10in
27in	Waist	27in
18in	Thigh	19in
12½in	Calf	13in
14in	Neck	14½in
6½in	Wrist	7in
10½in	Fist	10in
7½in	Ankle	8in

RECORDS

McAuley: 13 wins (eight inside the distance), 0 defeats.

Bassa: 17 wins (13 inside the distance), 0 defeats.

ATHLETICS

A slow road back to summit

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
New York

The person least concerned by Alberto Salazar's performance in the 5,000 metres at the Penn Relays on Thursday night was the man himself. At face value, his 18th place in 14min 28.2sec, in the race won by Sydney Maree in 13min 34.7sec, looked like another in a succession of comeback failures for Salazar since injuries three years ago put an end to the heady days of multiple marathon victories.

Between 1979 and 1983, Salazar was virtually unbeatable, with double victories in the New York and Boston marathons. But after staying ahead of the pack for four years, all the distance runner's ailments caught up with him at once. He contracted colds and bronchitis, became iron deficient and worst of all developed compartment syndrome, the condition where muscles in the leg expand through training, such that they outgrow their sheath.

A first operation was not successful and after several of the sort of performances we saw two nights ago Salazar went back into hospital and lost another few months of training.

As the months and years began to mount so did the doubts that Salazar would ever get back to his former glory. Indeed his demise had become emblematic of the collective slide of American distance running over the same period. And after this latest journeyman performance on Thursday in a stadium where, 11 years ago he had won the high school two miles and been voted oustanding schoolboy of the meet, the gloomy consensus was that it was about time that Salazar graduated to holding a stopwatch, rather than running so unconvincingly against it.

But Salazar had other ideas and showed a commitment in defeat which said just as much as the tenacity he showed in winning last mile duels against Rodolfo Gomez and Dick Beardsley, in the New York and Boston marathons five and six years ago.

He said that on a recent visit to Australia doctors at the National Institute for Sport found him to have the strongest cardio-vascular system they had ever tested, including that of one of their former residents, Rob de Castella, generally recognised as the most resilient distance runner in the world.

Salazar explained: "The problem has been the right hamstring, which had nerve damage after a couple of operations. I'm not physically able to push myself in training yet. It has about 85 per cent of its strength. But I feel 100 per cent apart from that. I could probably run 10 kilometres at the pace I ran tonight. This doesn't discourage me, it makes me more determined.

"No matter how poor your form, you can't just train. If I thought I couldn't make it back, I wouldn't do it. I ran 14:36 in Boston last week and I don't care if I only run one second faster in each race, as long as I run faster. I don't want to be remembered for these races. I want people to say: 'How the hell did that guy run 14:28 in the Penn Relays,' when I run 27:10 for 10k in two years time. I'm completely convinced that I'll run faster than I've ever run before."

Ultimately, Salazar wants to get back to the marathon, and harbours hopes of next autumn's New York race. That finishes in Central Park where a comeback of a different sort is being enacted this afternoon.

Jim Ryun, world mile record holder for eight years in the late sixties and early seventies and American record holder for 15 years, is to run a two miles against Eamonn Coghlan.

Ryun is as unlikely to beat Coghlan, the world indoor mile record holder, as he is to come anywhere near as fast as he ran before. But the renewal of interest in Ryun stems from the impact that he is expected to make on veterans, or masters running as it is called here.

For Ryun will be 40 next Wednesday. Thirty three years after Bannister did it, there is much, and over-optimistic talk about the first sub-four minute mile by a 40-year-old.

HEXHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Maggies Girl. 2.30 Northern League. 3.0 Paddy Murphy. 3.30 Really Honest. 4.0 Ida's Delight. 4.30 Secret Brae. 5.0 Yellow Bear.

By Brian Beel: 3.00 Giolla Padraig. 4.30 Mystic Music.

Going; good

2.0 CHESTERS STUD NOTICE CHASE (£1,178: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1 3U33 MAGGIES GIRL Denys Smith 8-11-12 ..... C Grant
2 0U0P RENSHAW WOOD (D) P Beaumont 7-11-12 . N Doughty
3 0F/4 CATCH THAT M Smith 8-11-5 ..... G Harker
5 0300 DIZZY DORA Miss Z Green 7-11-5 ..... M Meagher
6 UFUF GOODFELLOW'S FOLLY I Jordon 9-11-5 ..... B Storey
7 0/00 HORSESHOE BAY T Jeffrey 7-11-5 ..... Mr T Jeffrey
8 RFPP KANISA W J Smith 9-11-5 ..... S Turner
10 0000 MOONLIGHTING J Parkes 7-11-5 ..... —
12 -0FF RILK N Chamberlain 6-11-5 ..... C Dennis (7)
13 F00P RUN FOR PORT N Weggott 9-11-5 .. Miss T Weggott (7)
14 23B1 TINA'S BRIG P Daly 8-11-5 ..... Mr K Anderson (7)
15 000F TRAILING ROSE Mrs G Reveley 8-11-5 ..... P Niven
16 P TYCOON MOON A Crow 6-11-5 ..... —

6-4 Maggies Girl, 7-2 Goodfellow's Folly, 5-1 Tina's Brig, 8-1 Dizzy Dora, 10-1 Catch That, 14-1 Kanisa, 16-1 others.

2.30 YARRIDGE NOVICE HURDLE (£923: 2m) (12)

4 0000 BOSCHENDAL A Batey 5-11-2 ..... —
6 00 CROFTON PARK (V) J Dixon 6-11-2 ..... K Doolan
8 0004 DON RUNI Denys Smith 5-11-2 ..... C Grant
9 LETRIC R Brewis 6-11-2 ..... T G Dun
11 0U MONKS IMAGE P Charlton 5-11-2 ..... K Colter (7)
12 03 NORTHERN LEAGUE W A Stephenson 6-11-2 ..... Mr P Johnson (7)
14 RULDAR D Lee 10-11-2 ..... Mr H Brown (7)
15 0F0 SID McQUAID W A Stephenson 5-11-2. A Merrigan (7)
16 P00 KRUSHENKA R Barr 10-10-11 ..... Miss A Beaumont (7)
19 0 LIGHTAWAY J Charlton 6-10-11 ..... P Dennis (4)
21 0F03 RED DESIREE W Storey 5-10-11 ..... NON-RUNNER
24 F0 JOINT DECISION S Payne 4-10-5 ..... B Storey

8-4 Northern League, 3-1 Don Runi, 11-2 Monks Image, 8-1 Crofton Park, 10-1 Sid McQuaid, 12-1 others.

3.0 GILESGATE VOLVO HEART OF ALL ENGLAND HUNT CUP HUNTER CHASE (Div I: Amateurs: £1,324: 3m) (12)

1 P0P- ASTROSYN J Beardsall 9-12-0 ..... Capt J Beardsall (7)
3 004- BEECHWOOD SAILOR P Sportswood 6-12-0 ..... —
4 P BINGSTAR J Aynsley 9-12-0 ..... J Walton
6 P0P- BUSHELLO Mrs A Thompson 12-12-0 ..... —
7 /34- DOUGLAS BRIG N Hargreave 9-12-0 ... N Hargreave (7)
9 4 GIOLLA PADRAIG W A Stephenson 9-12-0 ..... P Johnson (7)
15 2- PADDY MURPHY T Lapping 6-12-0 ..... R Robinson (7)
16 F-U RAVEN VENTURE G Cunard 7-12-0 ..... C Cundall
18 /P-2 SAUCY KNIGHT A W Johnson 10-12-0 ..... R Morley (7)
21 UP0- SWEET FRANK Mrs P Cookson 12-12-0 ..... —
22 3-0U TARTEVIE M Sample 9-12-0 ..... Maj M Sample (7)
24 WAREN BRIG C Macmillan 7-12-0 Miss C Macmillan (7)

Evens Paddy Murphy, 3-1 Douglas Brig, 6-1 Beechwood Sailor, 8-1 Saucy Knight, 10-1 Waren Brig, 12-1 others.

3.30 YARRIDGE NOVICE HURDLE (£902: 2m) (14)

1 0431 REALLY HONEST (D) M W Easterby 5-11-10 ..... C Grant
3 0/PF BOUNTEOUS SPIRIT J Townson 7-11-2 ..... —
4 3400 EAST PARK N Waggott 7-11-2 ..... Miss T Waggott (7)
5 4-00 GOLD LANE (B) V Thompson 5-11-2 ..... Mr M Thompson (4)
8 0300 MAJOR ROUGE (B) J Charlton 5-11-2 ..... P Dennis (4)
10 0/PP OLLETSOC F Watson 9-11-2 ..... —
11 PALANQUIN Miss M Benson 5-11-2 ..... J Hansen
13 -000 CAPRICORN SAINT G Eubank 7-10-11 ..... B Storey
14 00- PONGEE'S GIRL Miss Z Green 5-10-11 ..... M Meagher
16 00 DEARHAM BRIDGE D Moffatt 4-10-10 ..... K Teelan
17 0 FELL MIST D MacDonald 6-10-10 ..... —
18 003 ROSTREAMER C Bravery 4-10-10 Mr T Thomson Jones
19 0F FRENCH DESIGN J S Wilson 4-10-5 ..... P Niven
20 P REGAL BEE W Reed 4-10-5 ..... D Condell

15-8 Really Honest, 9-4 Rostreamer, 5-1 Major Rouge, 15-2 East Park, 10-1 Gold Lane, 14-1 others.

4.0 GILESGATE VOLVO HANDICAP CHASE (£2,155: 2m 4f) (9)

4 2P02 SIR BADSWORTH (D) T Laxton 9-11-7 ..... N Doughty
6 /P-3 SHINEY SON (C) W A Stephenson 9-10-12 ..... —
7 F211 IDA'S DELIGHT J Charlton 8-10-9 (4ex) ..... P Dennis (4)
10 1083 PRINCE ZEUS D Lee 8-10-5 ..... G Harker
11 4230 CAHERTY (C) J Gledson 14-10-5 ..... B Storey
12 4214 PERFECT GLEN (C) Denys Smith 7-10-5 ..... C Grant
14 0003 CROWECOPPER B Preece 8-10-1 ..... —
15 342R VICTORY MORN J Dixon 11-10-0 ..... K Doolan
16 040F MUSIC SEASON A McPherson 7-10-0 ..... —

5-4 Ida's Delight, 100-30 Sir Badsworth, 5-1 Perfect Glen, 13-2 Crowecropper, 8-1 Shiney Son, 14-1 others.

4.30 GILESGATE VOLVO HEART OF ALL ENGLAND HUNT CUP HUNTER CHASE (Div II: Amateurs: £1,324: 3m) (12)

2 /0U- BANTEL BOWMAN T M Robson 7-12-0 ..... Miss P Robinson (7)
5 0-20 BRABINER BOY T Laxton 6-12-0 ..... J Townson (7)
8 -004 EVEN-OGAN R Johnson 9-12-0 ..... Mr K Johnson (7)
11 HODDAM BRIG D Scott 8-12-0 ..... D Scott (7)
12 U- JORDANS BANK Mrs D Cockburn 9-12-0 ..... —
13 0/F- JUSTICE LEA J Sweeney 7-12-0 ..... D Swindlehurst (7)
19 P-P2 SECRET BRAE H Barclay 7-12-0 ..... G Robinson (7)
20 -/04- SOCIETY KING Miss S Hunter 10-12-0 Miss S Hunter (7)
25 0 WELCOME GIFT W A Stephenson 11-12-0 ..... J Greenhall (7)
26 UP0B WOOD BY WOOD C Bravery 9-12-0. T Thomson Jones
27 F-2 MYSTIC MUSIC Miss H Wilson 8-11-9 ..... K Anderson
28 23-3 NIJANNA T Delgetty 6-11-9 ..... —

9-4 Mystic Music, 11-4 Nijanna, 6-1 Society King, 13-2 Secret Brae, 8-1 Wood By Wood, 10-1 others.

5.0 ELAINE McDAID HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,052: 2m) (13)

2 0002 TROMEROS (D) Denys Smith 6-11-13 ..... C Grant
3 3-P0 THETCHU (D) W Reed 9-11-9 ..... T G Dun
4 1030 TOY (D) J Charlton 7-11-8 ..... P Dennis (4)
5 0300 MIGHT GUEST (CD) P Monteith 5-11-6 ..... D Nolan
6 0300 RAMPANT (CD) R Barr 8-11-5 ..... Mr H Brown
8 2FF1 BOREHAM DOWN (D) N Bycroft 8-11-0 (5ex) G Harker
9 2P00 BALMATT (D) G Richards 6-10-13 ..... J Hansen
10 /004 MAYBELLA (D) S Payne 8-10-10 ..... B Storey
13 U202 YELLOW BEAR (B,D) J Parkes 5-10-5 ..... P Niven
15 4U00 CHI MAI (B,D) J Norton 7-10-1 ..... Jacqui Oliver
17 48-0 RATHMILL SYKE J Needham 7-10-0 ..... N Doughty
18 0000 UNCLE OLIVER (CD) V Thompson 6-10-0 ..... Mr M Thompson (4)
19 0083 BAYTOWN COKE B Morgan 7-10-0 ..... W P Smith (7)

2-1 Boreham Down, 3-1 Yellow Bear, 9-2 Tromeros, 6-1 Rathmill Syke, 10-1 Night Guest, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J S Wilson, 9 winners from 29 runners, 31.0%; G Richards, 21 from 92, 22.8%; P Monteith, 6 from 31, 19.4%; M W Easterby, 5 from 29, 17.2%; W A Stephenson, 39 from 229, 17.0%; Denys Smith, 10 from 62, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 12 winners from 59 rides, 20.3%; C Grant, 22 from 113, 19.5%; J Hansen, 8 from 41, 19.5%; D Nolan, 7 from 39, 17.9%. (Only qualifiers).

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Sandown Park

Going: good

2.0 (5f) 1. ENDEARING (C Asmussen, 10-11 fav). 2. Timely (R Street, 12-1); 3. Gran Canaria (Pat Eddery, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Flash Bird, 14-1 So It Goes (4th), 20 What A Hope, 25 Maryblee, Melody Lane (5th), 33 Ducky Nancy, Petingo Gold (6th), Ration Of Passion, 11 ran. NR: Titran Beauty. 2l, hd, 2l, 2l, 1½l. B Hills at Manton. Tote £1.90: £1.30, £3.60, £1.50. DF: £12.00. CSF: £11.56. 1min 2.81sec.

2.35 (1m 6f) 1. SARONICOS (S Cauthen, 13-2). 2. Trapeze Artist (S Dawson, 9-2 fav). 3. Ile De Roi (W Newnes, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7 White Mill, Cap Del Mond, 8 Just Dowd, 10 Blockade, Hauwmai (4th), 20 Nicola Wynn (5th), 50 Kubla, Mayestacan, King Of Comedy, Holston, Aldo King (6th) 14 ran. 3l, nk, 1½l, 5l, 3l. C Britain at Newmarket. Tote: £6.90, £2.10, £2.10. £1.70. DF: £13.40. CSF: £31.20. Tricast: £164.42. 2min 58.25sec.

3.5 (1m) 1. Nashad (W R Swinburn, 6-4 fav); 2. Pichirico (G Baxter, 6-1); 3. Imperial Brush (A McGlone, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Genobra (4th), 10 Fountaincourt (5th), 12 Aitar, 25 Go West (6th), Fighting Force, 66 L'Ebole Gassanie. 9 ran. 2½l, ½l, 4l, hd, 20l. M Soute at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10, £1.10, £1.80. £1.90. DF: £6.40. CSF: £10.41. 1min 43.02sec.

3.40 TRUSTHOUSE FORTE MILE (Group II: £28,440: 1m)

VERTIGE b h Lyphard's Wish-Valhalla 5 9 0 A Cruz (8-1) 1.
Teleprompter b g Welsh Pageant-Ouija 7 9 0 T Ives (7-4 fav) 2.
Hadeer ch h General Assembly-Glinting 4 9 0 S Cauthen (11-2) 3.

ALSO RAN: 11-4 Grey Goddess (4th), 12 Vague Shot (5th), 16 Toca Madera, 20 Cresta Auction, 40-1 Star Of A Gunner (6th) 8 ran. 1l, 1l, 5l, 3l, sh hd. P Biancone in France. Tote: £9.50, £2.20, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £8.50. CSF: £20.54. 1min 40.51sec.

4.10 (5f) 1. PERION (Pat Eddery, 9-4 fav; Michael Seely's nap). 2. Tachyon Park (C Rutter, 6-1); 3. No Beating Hans (C Asmusson, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Cree Bay, 8 Quarryville (5th), 12 Lochtilum, Taylor Of Soham (4th), 14 All Agreed, 25 Famcombe, Al Tnn (6th). 10 ran. NR: Chaskins Club. 2l, hd, ½l, ½l, nk. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £2.30, £1.20, £1.80. £2.90. DF: £11.50. CSF: £14.42. Tricast: £114.45. 1min 00.87sec.

4.40 (1m 2f) 1. KAYTIGGY (C Asmussen, 6-1). 2. Overdrive (S Cauthen, 4-1); 3. Height Of Elegance (B Thomson, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Bw Street Party, 15-2 Quite Fate, 12 Show Huntress (5th), 20 White Jazz, 33 Ci Siamo, Edreamthus, Granny Bango (6th), Joano's Style, Transle, Wind And Wave, Primula Star (4th), 14 ran. NR: Turner's Reach. 1½l, ½l, 3l, ½l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £6.70: £3.40, £2.00, £1.30. DF: £27.60. CSF: £28.39. 2min 9.09sec.

Jackpot: £2,794.05. Placepot: £16.65.

Beverley

Going: good to firm

2.30 (5f) 1. FARMER JOCK (B Raymond, 16-1); 2. Resilient (R Cochrane, 5-1); 3. Jackie Blair (M Wigham, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Royal Fan, 13-2 Barrton Pack (6th), 7 Stanlio (4th), 10 Restless Rhapsody, Sully's Choice, 12 Snap Decision, 14 Captain's Bold, Top That, 16 James da Coombe, Miss Primula, The Stamp Dealer (5th), 33 Maybe Jayne. 15 ran. 3l, ¾l, 1½l, sh hd, 1½l. Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £33.70: £9.80, £1.50. £6.00. DF: £104.60. CSF: £96.71. Tricast: £730.06.

3.0 (5f) 1. SISTER CHERYL (Kim Tinkler, 10-1); 2. Glucinium (M Wigham, 10-1); 3. Ginnys Slipper (C Coates, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Wimmoss (4th), S Jetway, No Tops (5th), Pissi Bach, 6 Brave Indian, 10 Record Girl, Studford Steel, 12 Mick Mulligan, Three Rons, 14 Shoot The Pot, Summer Park, 20 Frisky Fort, Precious Memories (6th), Nations Pet, Pasin. 18 ran. NR: Pemberton. ¾l, 1½l, 1l, sh hd, 2½l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £35.50: £7.10, £4.90, £1.90. DF: Winner or second with any other horse £5.70. CSF: £142.10. Sold D Wosskow 8,600gns.

3.30 (1m 100yd) 1. MOHAMED ABDU (J Lowe, 11-2); 2. Sher Shah (W Ryan, 10-11 fav); 3. Straw Vale (C Nutter, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Brave Defender, 20 Lotus Island (5th), 25 Persilliant (6th), 33 Achill Bay, Bennetthorpe, Comedy Fun, Danedn, Grecian Jos (4th), Lord Tenderfoot, Night Visitor, Panama Jack, Uncle Willo, Emsleys Heights, Hurrican Rose, Merry Round Up 18 ran. NR: Frenchgate. 2½l, 7l, nk, 1l, 1l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £7.50: £2.70, £1.20, £4.50. DF: £8.60. CSF: £10.01.

4.0 (1m 2f) 1. RAPID LAD (D Nicholls, 11-2); 2. Tamassos (N Connorton, 7-2 fav); 3. Hopping Around (J Bleasdale, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Just The Ticket (5th), 9 Golden Beau, Hitchenstown, 10 Minizen Lad, 14 Chabisse (6th), Pit Pony, Rustic Track, 16 Music Man, 25-1 Taxi Man (4th), Your Choice, Knighty Dia, Portal Dancer 15 ran. ½l, 3l, 1l, hd, 2l. J Spearing at Alcester. Tote: £6.90: £2.40, £2.00, £1.50. DF: £11.50. CSF: £26.16. Tricast: £113.49. DF: £11.50. CSF: £26.16. Tricast: £113.49.

4.30 (2m) 1. MANDALAY PRINCE (M Birch, 5-1); 2. Bluff Cove (S Perks, 7-2 fav); 3. Deadly Going (P D'Arcy, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Kaladola, 5 Simply Delicious, 12 Baron Jay (5th), 16 Track Angel, 20 Bamar Lad (5th), Kitawa, Marinere, Mollkin, 25 Big Don, Champions Day, Siberian Dancer (4th), Panzaureole, Vtb Song. 16 ran. NR: Velda. 4l, 11½l, sh hd, 3l, 2l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £5.80: £1.70, £1.50. £8.30. DF: £27.20. CSF: £23.61. After stewards inquiry result stands.

5.0 (5f) 1. WARRING STATES (B Raymond, 5-1); 2. Paresse (E Guest, 5-1); 3. Busy Liz (A Proud, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Mister Mac, 9-2 Power Regine, 11-2 Tyrekucker, 8 Silent Surge, 12 Leecyn, 14 Westfield Mover (6th), 16 Lincroft Boy (5th), 20 Valgrat, 25 Konkiree (4th), Comborough. 13 ran. NR: Silent Plea. sh hd, 2½l, 2l, ¾l, 2½l. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £7.90: £4.40, £3.20. £2.20. DF: £35.50. CSF: £39.94.

5.30 (5f) 1. LAC D'AZUR (M Wigham, 9-4). 2. J Chesser Loophole (M Birch, 7-1); 3. Go Win Gold (J Lowe, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Mummy's Charmor (4th), 8 Thornfield Lad, 9 Waverley Star (5th), 14 Miss Cameka, 16 Maudins Cross, 33 Sabdabeam, Swinging Detective, Tags Clown, Vinton Va, Shamar's Daughter (6th), Your Office. 14 ran. 1l, 3l, 2l, 2l, 1½l. M McCormack at Wantage. Tote: £4.90: £2.00, £3.40. £2.30. DF: £33.30. CSF: £20.26.

Placepot: £810.05.

Sedgefield

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1. Big White Chief (R Trevor Jones, 5-1); 2. Bright Wire (6-1); 3. Van Dyke Brown (20-1). Eye Flasher Evens fav. 9 ran. NR: Sir Wager. 1l, 3½l. P Blockley. Tote: £3.50: £1.10, £2.40, £6.30. DF: £9.10. CSF: £33.64.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1. Greed (C Grant, 9-4 fav); 2. Sanrom (9-2); 3. Duke Of Dolita (2-1). 7 ran. 3l, hd. Denys Smith. Tote: £3.10: £1.50, £2.80. DF: £9.40. CSF: £12.32.

3.15 (3m 600yd ch) 1. Handy Trick (M Dwyer, 6-4 fav); 2. Jack Of Clubs (3-1); 3. Bardini (14-1). 10 ran. NR: Saxon Ace. W A Stephenson. Tote: £2.50: £1.20 £1.70 £2.80. DF: £3.40. CSF: £6.48.

3.45 (3m 600yd ch) 1. Bee Orchid (A Jones, 4-7 fav); 2. Beau Lyon (8-1); 3. Bashful Lad (5-1). 8 ran. 2l, hd. K Bailey. Tote: £3.00: £1.70, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £7.90. CSF: £14.80. Tricast: £51.99.

4.15 (3m 600yd hdle) 1. Little Mittens (Miss A Beaumont, 16-1); 2. Tom Noel (12-1); 3. Platinum Blond (10-1). Bedford Row 11-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Dream Once, Saxon Ace, Auld Yud, The Knife. 8l, sh hd. R Barr. Tote: £17.30: £4.50, £3.60, £2.80. DF: £49.80. CSF: £191.76. Tricast: £1855.67.

4.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1. Elegant Guest (C Grant, 6-11 fav); 2. The Lodge Prince (7-1); 3. Kamphall (20-1). 12 ran. NR: The Fixer, Pamparold, River Trust. ¾l, ½l. Denys Smith. Tote: £1.90: £1.30, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £5.10. CSF: £7.39.

Placepot: £129.05.

Warning for Bates

Jeremy Bates and Simon Youl, a talented 21-year-old Australian he has never beaten, will renew rivalry in today's men's singles final of the Hi-Tec hard court tournament at Queen's Club, London.

Bates, the 24-year-old Davis Cup international, played well below his form of earlier in the week and needed three sets to beat the West German Torben Theine, while Youl also had to go the full distance to beat Britain's other challenger, Stephen Botfield.

Bates, who eventually won 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, had a particularly rough time and the first set only went his way because the German made numerous errors. In the deciding set he picked up a warning for dashing his racket to the ground.

The 21-year-old Botfield played some of his best tennis in the second set, but overall found the Australian too aggressive and accurate.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Semi-finals: J Bates (Surrey) bt T Theine (WG), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; S Youl (Aus) bt S Botfield (Essex), 6-2, 1-6, 6-2. Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Frankl (WG) bt I Berger (Isr), 3-6, 6-1, 6-0; K Rickett (Warwicks) bt N Housset (Fr), 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

TENNIS

Davies is appointed by ITF

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Mike Davies, from Swansea, who was Britain's No 1 from 1956 to 1958, has been appointed director of marketing for the International Tennis Federation. His responsibilities will include sponsorship and television contracts. During 1982 Davies did a similar marketing job for the Association of Tennis Professionals until they appointed him executive director.

Davies, aged 51, ran the ATP until last August, when they decided that a new leader was needed. The loss of that job meant that he also ceased to be chairman of the men's International Professional Tennis Council, who run the Grand Prix circuit and associated tournaments.

From 1968 to 1981 Davies worked for the Texas-based promoters, World Championship Tennis; from 1969 onwards he was WCT executive director. With WCT and the ATP in turn, he often found it necessary to oppose ITF policies.

"There have been times when I have not always been on the same side as the ITF during the tremendous expansion and development of the game in recent years," he says, "but I have always respected their total commitment to the sport. In a sense they are the elephants of our game — slow to move, possibly. But when they do move it is always with the best long-term interests of the game in mind."

Davies has lived in the United States since 1964 and will continue to do so.



Wilander: an inner pride burnished by the sight of Chesnokov across the net

Determined Wilander takes revenge for French upset

From Richard Evans, Monte Carlo

Mats Wilander is at a stage of his career when he needs incentives. Money is no longer a problem; fame has never been a goal, but despite a wavering of interest in his game last year, an inner pride still glows, and it was burnished by the sight of Andrei Chesnokov across the net in the quarter-final of the Volvo Monte Carlo Open here yesterday.

Chesnokov's straight-set defeat of Wilander in the third round of the French Open had been one of the most surprising results of 1986 and, of all the facts and figures the encyclopaedic Swede carries around in his head, none will have rankled more.

Wilander's square jaw was set even more firmly than usual when he began trading ground strokes with the tall, elegant Muscovite, under the kind of skies that gave the Côte d'Azur its name.

At first the rallies were long, but towards the end of Wilander's 6-1, 6-3 act of revenge, the Monégasque crowd were being offered some of the best tennis one of their adopted sons had to offer.

Wilander, who has proved his versatility by twice winning the Australian Open on grass, has added many layers to his game over the last few years and, in creating the angles that enabled him to get to the net, he revealed too many of them for Chesnokov's liking.

Wilander won this tournament in 1983, the year Bjorn Borg bade his farewell by losing to Henri Leconte. Borg's successor has never attempted to match him as a celebrity, but his record in major championships compares very favourably, and in his own quietly determined way Wilander now senses an opportunity to add another title to his collection.

With the top three seeds gone, he merely needs to produce his best clay court tennis to win here tomorrow, but first there is another Swede standing in his path — Ulf Stenlund, the young man who put out Stefan Edberg in the second round.

Serving at 5-2 in the third set, Stenlund had his match against Argentina's Martin Jaite under control, but the act of winning is always the hardest part of any match and Stenlund found himself gripped with nerves.

As his shots started falling short, Jaite jumped on the chance to get in to the net and created such a turnaround that Stenlund found himself facing three match points in the tie-break.

Jaite had arrived at his six point-to-three advantage by way of a superb backhand pass, played at full stretch and powered only by a courageous flick of the wrist. At 6-5 he was desperately unlucky when a very tight baseline call was given in Stenlund's favour.

Two points later Jaite, who had played the more adventurous and attractive tennis in the latter stages, slammed a forehand into the net to give Stenlund a place in the semi-finals of a Super Series grand prix event for the first time.

RESULTS: Third round: K Carlsson (Swe) bt G Vilas (Arg), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2. Quarter-finals: U Stenlund (Swe) bt M Jaite (Arg), 2-6, 6-0, 7-5; M Wilander (Swe) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-1, 6-3.

GOLF

Aoki goes into three-stroke lead in Dunlop

Ina, Japan (Reuter) — Isao Aoki, the Japanese veteran, recorded a five-under-par 67 to take a three-stroke lead after the second round of the $350,000 (about £219,000) Dunlop International open tournament yesterday.

Aoki, aged 44, started out three shots behind the first-round leader, Yoshihisa Kousaka, of Japan, but he rolled in six birdies to move into the lead with an eight-under-par total of 136. Kousaka had an 81 and dropped to joint sixtieth place on

FOOTBALL: SHILTON ALREADY OUT OF THE ENGLAND PARTY FOR TURKEY AND SANSOM DOUBTFUL

Worrying Saturday for Robson

By Andrew Longmore

The Saturday before an international is traditionally an anxious one for an England manager, but Bobby Robson will hope that the bad news he received yesterday, when Peter Shilton pulled out of the squad for the European Championship qualifier in Turkey next week, will be the last.

Having lost his goalkeeper, Robson will also be worried about his left back, Ken Sansom, who is missing from the Arsenal line-up at Maine Road this afternoon. Sansom returned against Leicester last Monday, after missing two matches with a long-standing pelvic strain, but is rested again by manager George Graham and must also be doubtful for Wednesday.

On the credit side, England captain Bryan Robson confirmed his recovery from an ankle injury and, provided he survives Manchester United's visit to Loftus Road, will join up with the rest of the England party tonight.

Shilton would have won his 91st cap had he not aggravated a stomach muscle injury in training. By withdrawing him from the England squad so early the Southampton manager Chris Nicholl is obviously taking no chances as the club continue their fight against relegation.

"I felt the effects of the injury all through the workout and I'm not very happy about it," Shilton said. Tim Flowers, who has proved a capable deputy in the last three games, continues while England defender Mark Wright passed a fitness test and Colin Clarke is fit again to lead the attack against Charlton, in a match which the London side need to win to have a realistic chance of staying up.

Whatever happens, Lennie Lawrence, the Charlton manager, will be looking to some of his southern neighbours to do him a favour, particularly Watford, who travel to Leicester, currently three points above Charlton. Watford have three successive wins under their belts since the FA Cup defeat by Tottenham Hotspur at Villa Park.

Their manager, Graham Taylor, continues with the experimental line-up which comfortably disposed of neighbours Luton Town in midweek, so David Bardsley plays as a roving centre-half in a formation which looked remarkably like the old 2-3-5.

A West Ham win at Villa Park would sink the Birmingham club who are expected to recall Simon Stainrod to play in midfield to replace Neale Cooper, who is out for the rest of the season with a thigh strain. Tottenham could complete Charlton's day by beating fifth-from-bottom Oxford United, with help from their England midfield trio of Hodge, Waddle and Hoddle — the latter pair fresh from success on Top of the Pops last Thursday.

In potentially the best game in the second division, Sheffield United, still with a chance of reaching the last play-off place, take on the leaders Derby County.



Shilton: His absence will mean another chance for Woods

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Aston Villa v West Ham
For Villa, Stamrod is recalled in place of Cooper (thigh strain) and Walters returns after a hamstring injury. West Ham retain the side who beat Tottenham.

Leicester v Watford
Russell is added to the Leicester squad who lost at Arsenal. Moran could return as substitute after injury. Watford are unchanged from the team who beat Luton.

Liverpool v Everton
Hooper deputizes for Grobbelaar in the Liverpool goal and Molby returns after missing two matches with a hamstring strain. Wark, Aldridge and Dalglish are also in the squad. Everton have doubts about Sheedy (fluid on the knee) and Stevens (groin strain), but Reid and Van den Hauwe are included in a squad of 14.

Luton v Sheffield Wed
Sealey hopes to return in goal for Luton after missing two games with a knee injury but Harford (Achilles tendon) is doubtful. Mark Stein is recalled. Snodin (thigh) faces a late fitness test for Wednesday; Sterland and Hirst are in the 15-man squad after injury.

QPR v Man United
Byrne and James are set to return for QPR. Robson hopes to make his comeback for United after an ankle injury.

Man City v Arsenal
Two replacement goalkeepers keep their places, Nixon for City and Wilmot for Arsenal. Sansom's pelvic injury has not cleared up and Rocastle is rested for the second game in a row. Allinson and Thomas are added to the squad.

Newcastle v Chelsea
Anderson and McCreery return for Newcastle after injury and Cunningham replaces the injured Beardsley. Hazard (thigh) and Jones (ankle) will have late fitness tests for Chelsea but Durie has recovered from a shoulder injury.

Norwich v Coventry
For Norwich, Bruce (ankle) and Drinkell (dead leg) have recovered, while Kilcline and Houchen, back from injury, are expected to replace Rodger and Gynn for the FA Cup finalists.

Tottenham v Oxford Utd
Hodge, Hoddle, Waddle and Mabbutt return for Tottenham after missing the Wimbledon game. Clive Allen was substitute, but returns to the starting line-up. Oxford retain the side who beat Wimbledon.

Wimbledon v Nottm For
Wimbledon recall Sayer, Sanchez and Fairweather. Forest are without the injured Bowyer Webb, Birtles and Carr.

CRICKET

Fifth wicket pair steer Oxford to safe harbour

By Richard Streeton

The Parks: Oxford University drew with Kent.

Kent's moderate bowling resources, pending the return of Baptiste and Ellison, were exposed yesterday when Oxford University earned a comfortable draw. Gentle practice in a tranquil atmosphere was always Kent's prime purpose, but one still has to tremble at what might happen to them today in the cauldron at New Road.

Christopher Tooley, the captain, and Rajdeep Sardesai, son of the former Indian Test player, were responsible for bringing Oxford a draw, which will bring them much-needed encouragement. In the last two-and-a-quarter hours, they shared a fifth-wicket stand of 124. It was marked by a full ration of positive strokeplay, even admitting that Kent eased the pressure a little in the closing stages.

Kent batted a further 85 minutes in brilliant sunshine before they declared and left an improbable target of 368 in just under four-and-a-half hours. Cowdrey, who was 67 overnight, reached his hundred and played some handsome strokes, without being as dominant as he had been the previous evening.

Aslett was the only Kent player to lose his wicket. He played some firm strokes on the back foot, before he tried to cut once too often and Cope held a good right-handed catch, as he dived across. Firth, who had kept an accurate line, had deserved a wicket.

For most of the Oxford innings it was overcast, though it remained warm. They made a poor start, losing Beech before lunch. Beech pushed half-forward to Igglesden and Cowdrey took a low, right-handed catch at second slip. This brought Hagan and Kilborn together and they embarked on an encouraging second wicket stand.

Neither man was reluctant to make strokes. Kilborn late cut Penn for three fours to the vacant third man boundary in one over. When a fieldsman was posted there he square-cut a fourth four. Hagan had a keen duel with Underwood. He drove him for fours past cover and to long-on and went on to force the two silly points stationed to give ground.

Kent, briefly, looked a little ragged, though roundabout now they became increasingly depleted. Cowdrey rested a leg injury after lunch; Jarvis was absent for a time with a migraine; and Benson later retired with a swollen knee.

Hagan's confident innings, though, ended at 68 when he played loosely outside the off stump against Penn and Tavaré at first slip held a fast travelling ball to his left. Crawley joined Beech in completing a pair when he pushed forward against Underwood and gave Tavaré another catch.

Underwood does not often miss a return catch, but he gave Kilborn one "life" before he had him taken in the gully soon afterwards. Tooley and Sardesai went warily until tea, but became more free afterwards as Kent used their occasional bowlers.

Tooley was resolute and especially strong in front of the wicket; Sardesai had the wristiness and neatness common to so many of his countrymen.

KENT: First innings 345 for 3 dec (M R Benson 106, S G Hinks 104 not out, N R Taylor 58).

Second Innings

*C S Cowdrey not out	100
†S A Marsh c Firth b Nuttall	24
D G Aslett c Cope b Firth	31
C Penn not out	9
Extras (b 5, lb 1, w 1, nb 6)	13
Total (2 wkts dec)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-154.
BOWLING: Firth 15.2-1-37-1, Crawley 22-5-59-0; Weale 19-3-49-0; Nuttall 5-1-18-0, Edwards 2-0-8-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 155 (A P Igglesden 4 for 49)

Second Innings

D A Hagan c Tavaré b Penn	37
A R Beech c Cowdrey b Igglesden	0
M J Kilborn c Penn b Underwood	38
M A Crawley c Tavaré b Underwood	0
C D M Tooley not out	61
R D Sardesai not out	68
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 3)	10
Total (4 wkts)	209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-68, 3-71, 4-85.
BOWLING: Igglesden 7-0-15-1; Jarvis 13-3-34-0; Underwood 17-7-32-2; Penn 13-2-53-1; Aslett 8-2-34-0; Hinks 8-2-22-0; Taylor 5-0-13-0.
Umpires: D Lloyd and A G T Whitehead

Cambridge dignity restored

By Ivo Tennant

FENNER'S: Cambridge University drew with Lancashire.

Another dreamy day at Fenner's was concluded with Lancashire achieving their objective, namely practice with both bat and ball, and Cambridge realizing theirs, the avoidance of defeat. They were spared having to follow on and ended the day with a little dignity restored.

It was never likely that Cambridge would make 275 in three hours, the target they were set. In fact they made no attempt to reach it. Lancashire gave nothing away, and of the university's frontline batsmen, only Bail and Atherton look capable of consistently playing forcing shots.

In the morning, Cambridge failed by one run to avoid the possibility of being asked to follow on. Not that it mattered, since Lancashire wanted some batting practice in preparation for their match today.

Mendis went cheaply again but Fowler picked off boundaries with little exertion. His 62 in 89 minutes contained 11, but his driving could not match that of Fairbrother, who several times left extra cover standing.

When Murphy, Lancashire's substitute, dropped a dolly catch sent up by Ahluwalia — one of those awful ones when the fielder is on a hiding to nothing — it seemed as if Cambridge might escape lightly. But one run later Allott had him leg before and the rot set in again.

Bail went in similar fashion to O'Shaughnessy without addition, and Fell shouldered arms to the same bowler and was castled middle and off. Atherton survived an hour and a half for 13 before Hughes, who has made a fair start to his captaincy, bowled him as soon as he came on.

In the next over, Simmons had Price, top scorer with 37, taken at gully, but with no further wickets falling before 5.30. Hughes reasoned that an early departure to Taunton was the greater priority.

Tomorrow, Oxford and Cambridge play the British Universities, after which the combined side to contest the Benson and Hedges Cup will be chosen.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 301 (D P Hughes 81, J Simmons 64).

Second Innings

G D Mendis b Perry	6
G Fowler run out	62
N H Fairbrother not out	47
S J O'Shaughnessy not out	6
Extras (b1, lb2, w1)	4
Total (2 wkts dec)	124

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-102.
BOWLING: Scott 17-3-65-0; Perry 1-1-0-0; Palmer 4-1-16-0; Hart 12-2-40-0.
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

P A C Bail lbw b O'Shaughnessy	4
M S Ahluwalia c O'Shaughnessy b Simmons	17
M A Atherton c Stanworth b Hayhurst	12
†D J Fell c Allott b Simmons	36
*D G Price run out	9
S D Heath c Stanworth b Foley	2
S R Gorman st Stanworth b Foley	39
R J Hart lbw b Simmons	0
S Palmer b Allott	18
J Perry lbw b Allott	0
A M G Scott not out	0
Extras (b1, lb8, nb5)	15
Total	151

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-32, 3-48, 4-73, 5-80, 6-105, 7-112, 8-134, 9-137, 10-151.
BOWLING: Allott 24.5-15-24-2; O'Shaughnessy 27-14-41-1; Hayhurst 10-1-17-1; Foley 21-12-33-2; Simmons 21-13-27-3.

Second Innings

P A C Bail lbw b O'Shaughnessy	17
M S Ahluwalia lbw b Allott	8
M A Atherton b Hughes	13
D J Fell b O'Shaughnessy	0
D G Price c Allott b Simmons	37
S D Heath not out	11
S R Gorman not out	0
Extras (lb2, w1, nb2)	5
Total (5 wkts)	91

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-28, 3-27, 4-79, 5-79.
BOWLING: Allott 8-0-10-0; O'Shaughnessy 8-3-25-2; Foley 12-7-7-0; Simmons 6-5-1-1; Hughes 5-2-12-1.
Umpires: P J Eele and K E Palmer.

St Helens are Vase favourites

By Paul Newman

Dave Taylor, the manager of Warrington Town, takes his team to Wembley for today's FA Vase final against their North West Counties League neighbours and rivals, St Helens Town, fully expecting the sort of nail-biting afternoon to which he has become accustomed.

"There will be plenty of teams we have played this season wondering quite what we're doing at Wembley," he said. "We've gone behind in several Vase ties over the last couple of years and more than once we have equalized in the last few minutes. The fact that we never know when we're beaten is one of our greatest strengths."

Warrington, who were knocked out by Halesowen Town, the eventual winners, in last season's semi-finals, have narrowly missed out on promotion from the North West Counties League second division for the last three years. They are again near the top of the table, but the Vase has proved a telling distraction and on Monday they lost against Droylesden, the leaders.

As a team riding high in the same League's first division, St Helens go into the final as the favourites. They also have the psychological advantage of having beaten Warrington in their League cup competition earlier in the season.

Both teams should be at full strength, although Warrington have had doubts about two key players. John O'Brien, the goalkeeper, dislocated a finger last weekend and Derek Brownbill, a midfield player, was unable to train earlier this week because of a leg injury.

Warrington expect to bring 5,000 supporters with them, but St Helens may be backed by only half that number. Their ticket sales have been harmed by the fact that the St Helens Rugby League team visit Wembley next week for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against Halifax.

Headlong pursuit of excellence gives advantage to Everton

IAN ROSS looks at the background to the most important Merseyside derby in years.

Footballers who believe that winning is not everything were most definitely not raised along the banks of the Mersey. Continued success is taken so much for granted in the minds of the supporters that the first division championship had, for all intents and purposes, been reduced to a purely personal battle between Everton and Liverpool long before the two clubs met to contest the Charity Shield back in August.

The notion that the title was destined to go somewhere other than to Goodison Park or to Anfield was laughable, a punchless joke. Almost inevitably that endearing, homespun arrogance has been rewarded. The trophy will remain on Merseyside; only the colour of the adorning ribbons remains to be decided. The arguments could well be ended today when Liverpool and Everton meet in front of a capacity crowd at Anfield in the 136th League derby.

Praise for Kendall's side comes from both camps

While the history books emphatically point to a stalemate — each club has recorded 47 wins since the first meeting to contest local pride back in October, 1894 — Everton will start as the clear favourites to climax a memorable campaign with the ultimate triumph, the seizure of Liverpool's crown on enemy soil.

Most people acknowledge that Everton, six points clear of Liverpool and with a game in hand, will shortly be installed as champions regardless of today's result. The praise for Howard Kendall's side is rich and, rather surprisingly, coming from both sides of a city which is always divided but no more so than on derby day. Mark Lawrenson, of Liverpool and the Republic of Ireland, whose season was cut short by an Achilles tendon injury, goes against the grain by adopting a gracious profile in the face of impending defeat.

"It will be very difficult for anyone to overhaul Everton now regardless of how the game goes," he said. "If they do win the title — and that does seem highly probable — they will have deserved it in many respects because they have made light of a long series of injuries.

"They must have been bitterly disappointed to go so close to winning the double last season," he said. "This, in a way, would be a belated reward for their efforts. I will be happy to see the title stay on Merseyside. I think it speaks volumes for the strength and depth of both our squads that we will finish one and two again.

"If you pulled together the players from both clubs who have suffered from serious injury this season you would have one hell of a combined side."

Derek Temple, the man who guaranteed his place in Merseyside folklore by scoring the winning goal in Everton's 1966 FA Cup triumph, is adamant that his old club will celebrate a ninth championship success and equally adamant that Liverpool are entering a period of transition sparked off by Ian Rush's impending departure to Italy.

"If you take away the goals Rush has scored for Liverpool over the past five seasons or so they would have won very little," Temple said. "He has made all the difference and while he may not be irreplaceable, I for one cannot think of a suitable successor.

"Everton papered over the cracks after selling Gary Lineker by claiming goals from midfield but that has never really been Liverpool's strength. New boy John Aldridge will score goals but he will never manage as many as Rush."

Joe Royle, the Oldham Athletic manager, who played alongside Kendall in Everton's championship-winning side of 1970, is another who can see no way back for Liverpool. "I am sure Everton will win it now," he said. "It will be a tremendous achievement bearing in mind that five or six full internationals were missing through injury at the start of the season.

1981-82: League: Nov 7: Liverpool 3 (Dalglish 2, Rush), Everton 1 (Ferguson); March 27: Everton 1 (Sharp), Liverpool 3 (Whelan, Souness, Johnston).
1982-83: League: Nov 6: Everton 0, Liverpool 5 (Rush 4, Lawrenson); March 19: Liverpool 0, Everton 0.
1983-84: League: Nov 6: Liverpool 3 (Rush, Robinson, Nicol), Everton 0; March 3: Everton 1 (Harper), Liverpool 1 (Rush). Milk Cup Final: March 25: Liverpool 0, Everton 0 (at Wembley). Replay: Mar 28: Liverpool 1 (Souness), Everton 0 (at Maine Road).
1984-85: League: Oct 20: Liverpool 0, Everton 1 (Sharp); May 23: Everton 1 (Wilkinson), Liverpool 0.
1985-86: League: Sep 21: Everton 2 (Sharp, Lineker), Liverpool 3 (Dalglish, Rush, McMahon). Feb 22: Liverpool 0, Everton 2 (Ratcliffe, Lineker). FA Cup Final: May 10: Liverpool 3 (Johnston, Rush 2), Everton 1 (Lineker).
1986-87: Screen Sport Super Cup Final, first leg: Sep 16: Liverpool 3 (Rush 2, McMahon), Everton 1 (Sheedy). Second leg: Sep 30: Everton 1 (Sharp), Liverpool 4 (Nicol, Rush 3). League: Nov 23: Everton 0, Liverpool 0.
Total number of League derbies: 135 (Liverpool 47 wins, Everton 47, draws 41).

Both clubs anticipate the best when season starts

"I am biased of course but there will be no finer sight than to see my old club clinch the title at Anfield."

One dissenting voice is that of Tommy Smith, the former Liverpool defender who was an integral part of the famous Bill Shankly side of the 1960s and early 1970s. "Liverpool do still have a chance even though it is a very slender one," he said. "I think they will win at Anfield simply because the pressure, for once, is on Everton's shoulders."

Both clubs always start the season chasing four titles, the League, the FA Cup, the Littlewoods Cup and, perhaps most important, the Merseyside Cup, which, although unofficial, does exist if only in the hearts and minds of the players and the supporters.

"Everton have been the more consistent of the two all season but they have stumbled in the big games," Smith said. "They just don't seem to have that extra touch of class, which means they are not certain of winning when it really matters."

MOTOR CYCLING

Lawson in top spot for Spain

From Michael Scott Jarama

With Freddie Spencer unexpected absent, the first practice yesterday for tomorrow's Spanish motorcycle Grand Prix was led by Eddie Lawson, the world champion, with his Mariboro/Yamaha team-mate, Rod McElnea, second.

McElnea, from Humberside, was just over a tenth of a second behind Lawson, and both had displaced the early practice leaders, Wayne Gardner and Niall Mackenzie who had failed to better their morning times. Ron Haslam's Honda was sixth behind Japan's Tadahiko Taira (Yamaha), Kenny Irons was twelth on his works V4 Suzuki, and his temporary team-mate, Kevin Schwantz, was ninth.

A feature of the first Grand Prix at Jerez, in the heart of Spain's sherry country, is a developing "needle match" between Gardner and Mackenzie — both riding the latest V4 works Hondas.

Their rivalry started in Japan where Gardner, a circuit veteran, could not match the practice times of Mackenzie, a relative newcomer, although he was ahead when the Scot crashed in the rain-hit Japanese Grand Prix.

The duel was resumed at Jerez, and in unofficial practice on Thursday Mackenzie was the quicker. The order was reversed by 0.14sec in the first officially-timed session.

Spencer's non arrival is both unexpected and puzzling, although the former champion fractured a collarbone and a shoulder blade in a crash at Daytona seven weeks ago.

Fastest practice: 1, E Lawson (US, Yamaha) 1:51.33, speed 136.395km/h (85.245mph); 2, R McElnea (GB, Yamaha), 1:51.44; 3, W Gardner (Aus, Honda), 1:51.44.

BOWLS

Biggs to meet Richards in Lombard final

By Gordon Allan

Mel Biggs, the 1983 runner-up, will play Wynne Richards in the final of the Lombard Champion of Champions. In the semi-finals on the slow green at Wellingborough yesterday Biggs beat Ron Gass 21-11 and Richards beat Bryan Lee 21-12.

Gass sustained his effort for a while and even took the lead twice, but Biggs won the last five ends 3, 2, 3, 3, 1.

The Bristol and West Building Society take over sponsorship of this event next season.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Biggs (Thamesdown) 21, R Curts (Ipswich) 16; R Gass (Cumbria) 21, S Mabbs (Temple) 19; W Richards (Cambridge Park) 21, B Howes (Norfolk and Norwich) 7; B Lee (Torbay) 21, T Butler (Stanley) 18. Semi-finals: Biggs 21, Gass 11; Richards 21, Lee 12.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES: 5.15-5.20pm Sports News Wales 1.00-1.05am Weather. SCOTLAND 5.15-5.20pm News and Sport NORTHERN IRELAND 4.55-5.05pm Northern Ireland results 5.15-5.20 News 9.40-10.45 Starsky and Hutch 10.45-1.00am World Snooker 1.00-1.05am News. ENGLAND 5.15-5.20pm South and East (London) — Sport. South and West (Plymouth) — Spotlight Sport and News. All other English regions — Regional News and Sport.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.45pm Film: The Amityville Horror 12.55am Paraguayan Praise, Close.

BORDER As London except: 10.45pm The Amityville Horror 12.55am Weather, Close.

CENTRAL As London except: 5.55am-6.55 Central Jobfinder '87 1.20pm Star Fleet 1.50 The Incredible Hulk 2.45 Film: The Spy Who Came in from the Cold' 5.05 The A-Team 6.00 ALF 6.30-7.00 The Grumbleweeds Show 10.45 Prisoner Cell Block H 11.45 Film: The Amityville Horror 1.55am Film: Codename: Wild Geese 3.45 News, followed by Central Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 5.35pm The A-Team 6.30 The Birthday Show 7.15-7.45 Russ Abbot's Madhouse 10.45 Film: The Amityville Horror 12.55am Neil Sedaka 1.20 Weather, Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm Amateur Boxing (Scotland v Ireland) 2.15-4.45 Film: Custer of the West 10.45 Film: The Amityville Horror 12.55am Reflections 1.00 Close.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm UFO 2.20 Porky Pig 2.25 Easy Street 2.55-4.45 The Count of Monte Christo 5.05 ALF 5.35 The A-Team 6.30-7.00 The Grumbleweeds Show 1.40am Close.

HTV WEST As London except: 10.45pm Film: The Amityville Horror 12.55am Weather, Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variations.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm Boxing (Scotland v Ireland) 2.15-4.45 Film: Custer of the West 10.45 Film: The Amityville Horror 12.55am Late Call, Close.

TSW As London except: 2.35-4.15pm Film: Gold 5.05 Newsport 5.10 Knight Rider 5.35 The Grumbleweeds Show 6.05 Blockbusters 6.35-7.00 ALF 10.45 Film: The Amityville Horror 12.55am Postscript 1.00 Weather, Close.

TVS As London except: 10.45pm Film: The Amityville Horror 12.55am Portrait of a Legend (Neil Sedaka) 1.20 Company, Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 5.05pm ALF 5.35 The A-Team 6.30-7.00 The Grumbleweeds Show 10.45 Film: The Amityville Horror 12.55am Poetry of the People 1.05 Close.

ULSTER As London except: 5.05pm ALF 5.35 The A-Team 6.30-7.00 The Grumbleweeds Show 10.45 Film: The Amityville Horror 12.55am Weather.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 5.05pm ALF 5.35 The A-Team 6.30-7.00 The Grumbleweeds Show 10.45 Film: The Amityville Horror 12.55am Film: The Gambler 2.55 Jobfinder 3.55 Close.

S4C Starts: 10.45am Who Are The Debolts? 11.45 What The Papers Say 12.00 The Making of Britain 12.30pm A Passage to Britain 1.00 Scales of Justice' 1.30 Film: Bright Lights' (1935) 3.05 Racing from Sandown Park 5.00 Odyssey 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 Challenge to Sport 7.00 The March of Time 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Cymar Pwy? 8.20 Elinor Ac Enill 9.05 Y Maes Chwarae 10.25 Side Sarad III 10.40 ER 11.10 Film: Goodbye Columbus 1.00am Close.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Cartoon 1.00pm Anything Goes 1.25 Weather 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 2.30-4.30 Film: North to Alaska 11.15 The New Avengers 12.15 Rock of the Seventies 12.55am He Is Risen, Close.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Border Diary 1.00-1.30pm Farming Outlook 2.30-4.30 Film: Scaramouche 5.30-6.30 The Fall Guy 11.15 Sunday Service 12.15 Weather, Close.

CENTRAL As London except: 8.55am-9.55 Central Jobfinder '87 9.25-9.30 Max the 2000 Year Old Mouse 1.00 Link 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 2.30-4.30 Film: Crooks and Coronets 6.00 Coughlin's Golden Oldies 5.30-6.00 TV Censored Bloopers 11.15 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.15 Film: The Humanoid 2.00am The Euro Cops 3.00 Central News Closedown followed by Central Jobfinder '87.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Weather 9.30-9.30 Starting Point 1.00pm Les Francais Chez-Vous 1.30-2.00 Enterprise South 2.30-4.30 Film: Anastasia 5.30 Scarecrow and Mrs King 6.25-6.30 Channel News 11.15 A for Agnetha 11.45 Man In A Suitcase 12.45am Weather, Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am Cartoon 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 Sixth Sense 2.00 Sunday Service 3.00 Shinty 3.30 Benson 4.00-4.30 Show Me 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Different Strokes 11.15 US Documentary: The Highly Excited 12.15 Living and Growing for Adults 12.45am Reflections, Close.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Crystal Tipps and Alistair 1.00pm Members Only 1.25 Ask Kas Hak 1.10 An Invitation to Remember 1.40-2.00 This Is Your Right 2.30-4.30 Film: The Magnificent Seven Deadly Sins 5.00 Love Boat 6.00-6.30 Sweethearts 11.15 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.40 Promises and Pacrust 12.10am Show Express 12.40 Close.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Max the 2000 1.00pm-1.30 Farming Wales 2.30-4.30 Film: The Mountain 5.00 The Fourth Protocol 5.30-6.30 Crazy Like A Fox 11.15 Downtown 12.15 Dining in France 12.45am Weather, close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variations.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am Peter's Adventures 1.00pm The Glen Michael Cavalcade 2.00 Sunday Service 3.00 Shinty 3.30-4.30 The Love Boat 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Show Me 11.15 Late Call 11.20 Film: Land of the Minotaur 12.50am Close.

TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Look and See 1.00pm The South West Week 1.30-2.00 Farming News 2.30 Film: Sky West and Crooked 4.30 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays 4.50 Gardens for All 5.00 Supergran 5.30 Different Strokes 6.00-6.30pm Show Me 11.15 The Fourth Protocol 11.45 Promises and Pacrust 12.10 Postcript Postbag 12.15 Weather, close.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Employment Action! 1.00pm Agenda 1.30-2.30 Enterprise South 2.30-4.30 Film: Anastasia 5.30-6.30 Scarecrow & Mrs King 11.15 A for Agnetha 11.45 Man In A Suitcase 12.45am Company, Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Hello Sunday 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30-2.00 Rally Cross 2.30-4.30 Film: Campbell's Kingdom 5.00 Northern Life 5.30-6.30 From Star Wars to Jedi — The Making of a Saga 11.15 The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace 12.15 Epilogue 12.25am Close.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon Time 1.00pm Link 1.30-2.30 Farming Ulster 2.30 Film: Elephant Walk 4.30-4.30 Cartoon 5.30 Sing Out 6.00-6.30 The Duck Factory 11.15 Sports Results 11.20 Chalk and Talk — An Education Forum 11.45 Rock Special (Eddie Brooks) 12.30am News.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon Time 1.00pm Link 1.25-2.00 Farming Diary 2.30-4.30 Film: Judith 5.00 Hart to Hart 6.00-6.30 Sweethearts 11.15 Insight 11.45 The Silk Road 12.45am Five Minutes 12.50 Jobfinder 1.50 Close.

S4C Starts: 9.00am Hafoc 10.00 The World This Week 11.00 Supercharnps 11.30 Worzel Gummidge 12.00 The Tube 2.00 Film: I'll See You In My Dreams 4.00 Horses 5.00 A Car For Africa 6.00 International Gymnastics 7.30 Newyddion 7.30 Cas Am Gan 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm 8.30; Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Pru Chwithig 9.35 Dyddiau Dyn 10.25 Snwcer 11.05 Film: The Swimmer 12.50am Close.

BASKETBALL

Youngsters to benefit from memorial fund

By Nicholas Harling

A trust fund in memory of Larry Dassie, the popular American player who died last November after a car crash, was launched yesterday at the London School of Basketball, where his clinics were an inspiration to so many young players.

Membership of the trust, which has already raised almost £3,000 from three special tribute games, will be open to players under 19 in need of anything from equipment to special coaching, the field in which Dassie specialised.

Dassie, 31, was a flamboyant, 6ft 6in forward, from Georgia, who had played for Crystal Palace, Hemel Hempstead and Kingston. He was on his way to a practice session with his last club, Portsmouth, when the accident occurred.

Coaches from Kansas State University, which he attended, are being invited to stage an annual clinic at the Sobell Centre from December 1988 onwards and it is also hoped that an annual memorial match, also in December, will raise money towards the trust.

"We foresee this tribute as a cornerstone in our future development," Bob Overton, one of the trustees, said. "We are realising plans to have a closer-knit basketball community without the petty jealousies constant enough in the day-to-day hardships of life." The other trustees are Dassie's widow, Sue, Elaine Sanders, a former employee of the London School of Basketball, and Sandra Grant, a present employee.

Further funds are expected to come from a sponsored run by Bill Martin, the Sobell Centre's liaison officer, in the London Marathon on May 10. Later next month, Ron Walker, founder of the Sports Scholarship Foundation is organising a sponsored walk from John O'Groats to Land's End, geared to benefiting young English players seeking American scholarships.

Many of the England squad, who played with and against Dassie, will be aiming to keep up the good work when they take on West Germany in this weekend's two internationals at Neustadt, and Aalen.

Fresh from their training for the Home Championship tournament this week, England will this time find their hosts a far more difficult proposition. It was effectively a West German B squad that England defeated by four points in Finland last December.

The previous encounter between the nations had ended with a 20-point win for West Germany in 1985. But such is the confidence among Dave Titmuss's squad that they are hoping to extend their hosts, not once but twice.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: New York Yankees 5, Cleveland Indians 4; California Angels 7, Minnesota Twins 3; Texas Rangers 9, Baltimore Orioles 4. National League: Montreal Expos 6, Philadelphia Phillies 5; St Louis Cardinals 5, Chicago Cubs 2; Cincinnati Reds 3, San Diego Padres 2; Houston Astros 5, Atlanta Braves 3.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA) playoffs (best of five): Eastern Conference: Boston Celtics 108, Chicago Bulls 104 (Boston lead 1-0). Western Conference: Los Angeles Lakers 128, Denver Nuggets 95 (Los Angeles lead 1-0); Dallas Mavericks 151, Seattle SuperSonics 129 (Dallas lead 1-0); Utah Jazz 99, Golden State Warriors 85 (Utah lead 1-0).
GRAVESEND: European championship qualifying tournament: England under-17s 75, Iceland 66; France 140, Scotland 59.

BOWLS

WYMONDHAM: CIS Insurance mixed pairs international: Finals: A Allen (Cotgrave) and Mrs N Shaw (Teesside) bt Mrs J Roylance and D Bryant (Clevedon), 6-9, 9-2, 9-4.

CYCLING

MONOPOLI, Italy: Tour of Apulia: Third stage (187km, Italians unless stated): 1, U Frauler (Swiz), Shr 6mn 12sec; 2, A Di Basco; 3, G Mantovani; 4, J Van Der Velde (Neth); 5, P Popp (Austria); 6, P Gambirasio; 7, S Allocchio; 8, L Bofio; 9, D Agti; 10, A Baffi, all same time as Frauler. Overall positions: 1, G Bontempo, 14hr 41mn 56sec; 2, R Visentini, 12sec behind; 3, E Maroni, 16; 4, M Vitali, 26; 5, G Bugno, same; 6, G Baronchelli, 21; 7, D Caroli, 22; 8, M Saligan, 23; 9, F Rossignoli, 26; 10, G Petito, 27.
ALBACETE: Tour of Spain: First stage: 1, S Kelly (Ire), 3hr 49mn 56sec; 2, A Gutierrez (Sp); 3, M J Dominguez (Sp); 4, W Arras (Bel); 5, P Rosola (It); 6, W Devos (Bel); 7, R Pagnin (It); 8, J Suarez Cuava (Sp); 9, P Deneut (Bel); 10, I Murga (Sp); 11, F Castang (Fr); 12, J E Carrera (Sp); 13, A Esparza (Sp); 14, P Verschuere (Bel); 15, J Weltz (Den). Other: 44, M Earley (Ire), all same time as Kelly.

SQUASH RACKETS

GARFORTH: Leeds Metro championships: Quarter-finals: D Hayes bt P Kirke, 9-0, 9-3, 9-2; R Senior bt K Hunt, 9-3, 9-2, 9-3; P Hill bt J Smith, 9-3, 9-10, 9-5, 7-9, 9-2; M Shipley bt S Taylor 10-8, 5-9, 9-5, 9-1.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Portsmouth 1, Charlton 1; Watford 7, Swindon 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Division one: Nottingham Forest 3, Aston Villa 0; Coventry 2, Sheffield Wed 2; Leicester 0, Oldham 0; Hull City 1, Man City 2. Division two: Notts County 1, Port Vale 1; Stoke 2, Doncaster 2.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Enfield 0, Sutton Utd 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Farnham 0, Witney 0; Fisher 5, Willenhall 1.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon 0, Windsor and Eton 0; Barking 1, Croydon 1; Bognor 2, St Albans 0. Second division: Seattle Woking 4, Epsom 0.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Enfield Town 1, Yeading 1. First division: Old Roan 1, Swanley 2.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Morecambe 1, Caernarfon 3; Macclesfield 2, Marine 0.
SKEGNESS: English Schools' FA festival: Durham 2, Buckinghamshire 0; Greater Manchester 4, Staffordshire 0; Avon & I, Merseyside A 2; Inner London 1, Hampshire A 0; Independent Schools 3, Somerset A 3; North Yorkshire 2, Hertfordshire A 0; Cambridgeshire 2, Surrey 4; Dorset 2, West Midlands A 3; Lincolnshire 0 West Yorkshire A 6; Humberside B 4, Bedfordshire B 1; Derbyshire B 1, Essex B 2; Kent B 2, Shropshire B 0; Durham 4, Somerset A 2; Greater Manchester A 2, Buckinghamshire 0; Hampshire A 1, Merseyside A 0; Inner London 0, North Yorkshire 2; Staffordshire 5, Hertfordshire A 5; Surrey 2, West Yorkshire A 1; Avon A 3, Independent Schools 3; Lincolnshire 1, West Midlands A 4; Cambridgeshire 3, Dorset 0; Humberside B 5, Shropshire B 4; Essex B 3, Bedfordshire B 1; Derbyshire B 1, Kent B 1.
SOVIET LEAGUE: Torped

SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

● **The Birthday Show** (ITV, 7.00pm) is presented by Benny Green (who has the best lines), Paul Coia (who has the worst) and gorgeous, pregnant Anne Diamond (who does most of the work). They sit on a big, fat sofa and recall famous birthdays and anniversaries. Benny says that *150,000* people celebrate birthdays in Britain every day, and two new ones are added every minute. Paul arrives with a collapsible sun or rain shade invented 85 years ago. Oliver Cromwell is flashed up on the screen ("nasty looking customer", says Benny) but there are no clips of Oliver so *it is straight on to Abba* and Elvis Presley. While Anne interviews celebrities like Lord Lichfield, the show develops into a contest between Benny trying to be moderately serious (item on Ed Murrow) and Paul being facetious. Lonnie Donegan, greying but unbowed, sings *My Old Man's a Dustman*. Benny, the cricket nut, manages to slip in C. B. Fry before Paul can laugh him out of it. Anne plays darts with Eric Bristow and greets William Roache, the only person to have acted through all 26 years of *Coronation Street*. Bill's favourite singer is Barbara Dickson, so on comes Barbara to do the finale.

Peter Waymark

CHOICE



Well met by candlelight: Paul Coia, Anne Diamond and Benny Green in The Birthday Show (ITV, 7.00pm)



Men of Wangh: Michael Hordern, Michael Maloney and Denholm Elliott in Scoop (ITV, 9 pm)

CHOICE

● A week after BBC2's extensive telebiography of Evelyn Waugh, ITV comes up with a dramatization of his newspaper satire **Scoop** (9.00pm). It is the tall tale of William Boot (nicely played by Michael Maloney), who is plucked by error from the agreeable obscurity of writing the nature notes for a Fleet Street daily and sent out to cover an African civil war. About to be dismissed after discovering nothing more newsworthy than the weather, Boot saves the day by stumbling on a front page story while his seasoned rivals flounder in the desert. This is nothing if not a prestige venture, written by William Boyd, directed by Gavin Millar and sporting a first division cast that includes Michael Hordern, Denholm Elliott and Donald Pleasence. Add the Moroccan locations, lush camerawork and impeccable period detail and *Scoop* invites comparison with the lavish treatment accorded to another Waugh adaptation, *Brideshead Revisited*. But while *Brideshead* was a hefty meal, *Scoop* is a souffle. There is much to admire in the production but it could do with more pace and even a touch of good old Boulting Brothers vulgarity. It captures the wit of Waugh but misses the exuberance.

P.W.

BBC 1

6.45 Open University. Until **8.30**
8.30 SuperTed. (r) **8.35** Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds. (r)
9.00 *It's Wicked.* The first of a new Road Show series, beginning in Liverpool. Among the guests are Juvenile Jazz.
11.00 **Film: Brother of the Wind** (1972) starring and directed by Dick Robinson. The story of a recluse living in the Canadian Rockies who befriends four orphaned wolf cubs. **12.27 Weather.**
12.30 **Grandstand** introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is: **12.35 Football Focus** includes a tribute to Len Shackleton; **12.45 Rallying:** the Circuit of Ireland;
1.00 **News** and weather; **1.05** and **4.00 Snooker:** the Embassy World Championship; **2.00** and **3.30 Table Tennis:** England v China in Sunderland; **2.30 Ice Hockey:** the first semifinal of the Heineken League play-offs; **3.50** Half-times; **4.35** Final score.
5.05 **News** with Debbie Thrower. Weather. **5.15 Sport/ Regional news.**
5.20 **Oliver Twist.** Episode three and Oliver, unhappy at Mr Sowerberry's, has run away. (r) (Ceefax)
5.50 **Perfect Strangers.** American comedy series.
6.15 **The Little and Large Show.** The guests are Mike Burton, Stanley Unwin, and Thereza Bazar. (r) (Ceefax)
6.50 **One by One.** Part nine and Donald Turner and Paddy Reilly go underground to look for a mystery meat-eating animal. (Ceefax)
7.40 **Bob Says Opportunity Knocks.** Talent show.
8.30 **Bergerac.** A feature film being made about the German occupation of the Channel Islands leads to the unpopular star receiving a sheaf of threatening letters. When the threats lead to action, Bergerac has an embarrassment of suspects. (r) (Ceefax)
9.25 **News and Sport.** With Debbie Thrower. Weather.
9.40 **Live World Championship Boxing and Snooker.** From Belfast, the WBA Flyweight Championship bout between the holder, *Fidel Bassa of Colombia*, and Dave McAuley, from Larne. The commentator is Harry Carpenter; plus, World Championship snooker from Sheffield.
1.00 **Weather.**

BBC 2

6.50 **Open University.** Until **1.55.**
1.55 **Chess Classic.** World Champion, Gary Kasparov, meets the *Hungarian, Lajos* Portisch.
2.25 **Film: Come Next Spring** (1955) starring Ann Sheridan and Steve Cochran. Returning eight years after deserting his wife and family, Matt Ballott goes to work on her ranch as a hired hand and discovers he has to win back the respect of the townspeople as well as the love of his wife. Directed by R.G. Springsteen.
3.55 **The Sky at Night.** A repeat of Friday's programme.
4.40 **World Snooker.** Second round action in the Embassy World Championship. The closing frames of the matches between Mike *Hallett and Silvino* Francisco; and Terry Griffiths against Alex Higgins.
6.35 **When in Spain.** The second of five programmes in which Andrew Sachs tours Spain in the company of his guide from Barcelona, Manuel.
7.00 **NewsView** with Debbie Thrower and Moira Stuart. Weather.
7.40 **Verdi Season.** The conductor, Jane Glover, and Julian Budden, a leading authority on 19th-century Italian opera, discuss Verdi's creative development which spanned four decades. BBC2's evening opera season begins tomorrow with Verdi's *Nabucco*.
8.10 **World Snooker.** Round two matches between Steve Longworth and Stephen Hendry; and John Parrott against Jimmy White.
9.25 **Have His Carcase.** Episode two of the Dorothy L Sayers mystery and Lord Peter and Harriet Vane believe the *body found by Harriet* was a murder victim. (r) (Ceefax)
10.20 **Did You See. . ?** Q.E.D., Secret Society, and On the House, are discussed by Laurie Taylor, Gill Pyrah, and Duncan Campbell.
11.05 **Film: Lady Sings the Blues** (1972) starring Diana Ross, Billy Dee *Williams, and Richard* Pryor. The story of the brief and tragic life of the remarkable blues singer, Billie Holliday. Directed by Sidney J Furie. Ends at **1.30.**

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6.55 **TV-am** introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.58;** news at **7.00.**
7.30 **The Wide Awake Club.** The guests include science expert David Bodanis, and actress Virginia McKenna.
9.25 **Get Fresh.** This first of a new series, presented by Gaz Top and Charlotte *Hindle*, includes a preview of the final of BMX Beat.
9.55 **Film: Professor Poopsnaggle's Steam Zeppelin.** (1986) starring *Ken Talbot*. A made-for-television story of Dr Garcia and his theory of Megastream. Directed by Howard Ruble and Russell Webb.
11.30 **BMX Beat.** The final.
12.00 **News** with Fiona Armstrong.
12.05 **Saint and Greavsie. 12.30 Wrestling** from Queens Hall, Bradford.
1.20 **Film: William the Conqueror** (1986) starring *Herve Bellon and John* Terry. A made-for-television drama about the life of the Duke of Normandy. Directed by Gilles Grangier and Serge Nicolaesco.
4.45 **Results Service.**
5.00 **News.**
5.05 **The Grumbleweeds Show.** Another slice of lunacy from the comedy *quintet*.
5.35 **A.L.F.** A new comedy series from the United States, about an Alien Life Form, loose in suburbia.
6.05 **The A-Team.** The resourceful quartet restore order to a wild South American town.
7.00 **The Birthday Show.** The first of a new series that *celebrates birthdays* and anniversaries. (see Choice) (Oracle)
7.45 **The Price is Right.** Game show.
8.45 **News** and sport.
9.00 **C.A.T.S Eyes.** In this first of a new series the girls from C.A.T.S go undercover in the hunt for a gang of arms smugglers. (Oracle)
10.00 **Parkinson *One-to-One.*** Michael Parkinson's guest is Ian Botham.
10.45 **LWT News** headlines followed by **The Big Match** introduced by Brian Moore.
11.30 **Film: The Amityville Horror** (1979) starring James Brolin, Margot Kidder, and Rod Steiger. A couple and their young *family move into a house* which, four years previously, had been the scene of a blood bath. Directed by Stuart Rosenberg. Ends at **1.30.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **Pets in Particular.** Part five. (r) **9.50 4 What It's Worth.** (r) **10.20 The Living Body.** Part 14. (r)
10.45 **The World — A Television History.** Part 14 - the Ottoman Empire. (r) **11.15 Mountbatten.** The meaning of victory, 1945 — 1947. (r) **12.15 Isaura the Slave Girl.** (r)
12.55 **Film: Fame is the Spur** (1947) starring Michael Redgrave. An adaptation of Howard Spring's novel about a north country *man who* dedicates his life to better the lot of the workers but, as a Labour MP years later, desires power in any way it can be achieved. Directed by Roy Boulting.
3.00 **Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park.** The 3.05, 3.40 (Whitbread Gold Cup), 4.15, and 4.45 races
5.05 **Brookside.** (r)(Oracle)
6.00 **Right to Reply.** 4 What *It's Worth's report on* motorcycles was dangerous ssy some cyclists. Programme editor, Mary McAnally, defends.
6.30 **Challenge to Sport.** Aficionados of Lacrosse, Shooting, and Wrestling, sing the praises of their particular sport.
7.00 **News** summary and weather followed by **The Gods of War.** Professor James Mackey talks to the Venerable Achaan Sumedho, President of the Buddhist Society.
7.30 **A Car for Africa.** The first of a four-part series tracing the development of a multi-purpose vehicle designed specifically for Third world markets.
8.30 **The Wine Programme.** Jancis Robinson meets wine merchants.
9.00 **Lost Belongings.** Episode three. (r)
10.00 **Film: Secret Ceremony** (1968) starring Elizabeth Taylor and Robert Mitchum. A drama about a young woman who — 'adopts' a prostitute as her mother. In turn, the prostitute becomes *fiercely protective of her* ward. Directed by Joseph Losey.
12.00 **Don't Miss Wax.** Rub Wax talks to Katherine Helmond, Julie Walters, and Lenny McLean, aided and abetted by Norman Lovett.
12.50 **Film: Gimme Shelter** (1970). The story of the 1969 United States concert *tour of the* Rolling Stones, which ended in tragedy at Altamont. Directed by David and Albert Maysles, and Charlotte Zwerin. Ends at **2.30.**

BBC 1

6.45 **Open University.** Until **8.50.**
8.55 **Play School 9.15 Articles of Faith.** (r) **9.30 This is the Day.**
10.00 ***Asian Magazine.*** *Last in* the series **10.30 Micro File.** (r) **10.55 Two Nations?** (r) **11.20 You in Mind.** Living without tranquillizers. (r) **11.30 The Goode Kitchen.** Fish dishes. (r)
11.45 **Politics of Pressure.** (r) **12.10 See Hear.** For the hearing impaired. **12.35 Farming.** A report on Roger Cooze, a wholefood farmer who is in trouble with the planners. **12.58 Weather.**
1.00 **This Week Next Week.** Edwina Currie is questioned by critics from within the medical profession. Presented by Donald MacCormick. **2.00 EastEnders.** (r) (Ceefax)
3.00 **Film: Last Train from Gun** *Hill (1959) starring Kirk* Douglas and Anthony Quinn. Marshall Matt Morgan is on the trail of two young drunks who killed his wife. Directed by John Sturges.
4.30 **Eurovision Song Contest Previews.** Part one.
5.10 **The Duke's Award.** The second of two programmes in which Prince Edward investigates the worth of his father's Award Scheme. (Ceefax)
5.50 **The Animals Roadshow.** (Ceefax)
6.25 **News** and weather.
6.40 **Songs of Praise** from the Roman Catholic Church of St Mary of the Angels, Notting Hill, London. (Ceefax)
7.15 **The Russ Abbot Show.** (r) (Ceefax)
7.45 **The District Nurse.** Megan and Dr Emlyn are involved in the aftermath of an accident at a gold-mine. (Ceefax)
8.35 **Mastermind.** The specialist subjects are: H.G.Wells; Tsar Nicholas II; classical music 1600-1950; and Italian Renaissance painting.
9.05 ***News and weather.***
9.20 **Yes Minister.** Seasonal festivities are subdued when rumours of a cabinet reshuffle are rife. (r) (Ceefax)
10.20 **When I Get to Heaven.** The first of a new series in which guests are asked what they hope for in heaven, beginning with Jan Morris.
10.55 **Video Active.** *Advice on* making home videos.
11.20 **A Toast to the Trams.** A visit to the National Tramway Museum at Crich, Derbyshire. (r)
11.50 **Weather.**

BBC 2

6.50 **Open University.** Until **1.55.**
1.55 **Rugby Special.** Nigel Starmer-Smith introduces highlights of yesterday's game between *Sale and* Swansea; and previews the World Cup which *starts in four weeks' time.*
2.45 **Sunday Grandstand** introduced by Steve Rider. Beginning with **Ice Hockey:** live coverage of the Heineken League British Championship Final from Wembley; plus highlights from the semifinals. The commentators are Alan Weeks and Red Imrie; and **Snooker:** second round action in the Embassy World Professional Championship. The commentators at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, are Ted Lowe, Clive Everton, and Jack Karnehm.
6.40 ***The Money Programme*** presented by Brian Widlake and Valerie Singleton. There is a film report on whether or not business schools provide the managers industry needs; and a look at Italy's recent impressive economic progress which, some claim has made the contry more prosperous than Britain.
7.15 **On the House.** Do-it-Yourself home improvement advice. This week includes fitting a dimmer switch; a guide to what's new in the d-i-y shops; and turning an empty room into a combined study and guest bedroom. With Pattie Coldwell, Harry Greene, Gilly Love, and Rick Ball.
7.45 **Verdi's Nabucco.** The first of three Verdi operas featuring new productions from La Scala, Vienna, and the Welsh National Opera. Tonight's opera, La Scala's production, stars Renato Bruson in the title role, with Ghena Dimitrova and Paata *Burchuladze, and the* Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Riccardo Muti. At **9.10** the interval with Julian Budden, a leading Verdi authority. **9.15,** Acts three and four. (simultaneous broadcast with stereo Radio 3)
10.15 **World Snooker.** David Vine introduces action *from the second round* matches involving Mike Hallett and Silvino Francisco; and Dene O'Kane against Doug Mountjoy. Ends at **12.35.**

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6.55 **TV-am**
8.30 **David Frost on Sunday.** His guests include Keith Sutton, the editor of the new *News on Sunday;* Ben Bradlee of the *Washington Post*, and his wife, Sally Quinn.
9.25 **Wake Up London 9.30 Disney's Adventures of the Gummi Bears 10.00 Get Fresh** with Gaz Top and Charlotte Hindle **10.30 The Adventures of Black Beauty.** (r)
11.00 **Morning Worship** from Nairn Old Parish Church.
12.00 **Weekend World.** European Defence - Going It Alone. Presented by Matthew Parris. **1.00 Police Five. 1.15 The Smurfs.** (r)
1.30 **Link** meets Ruth Whapples who attends a full-time university course although almost totally paralyzed; and Joanna Skrimshire, an accomplished pianist *despite being nearly blind* **2.00 Revelations.** David Devine, head of Brent's Social Services Department, talks about why he became a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.
2.30 **LWT News** headlines followed by **Film: The Amazing Mr Blunden** (1972) starring Laurence Naismith in the title role, that of a kindly ghost who comes to the assistance of a First World War widow and her children. Directed by Lionel Jeffries.
4.30 **Supergran.** Fantasy series for children.
5.00 **Show Me.** A new game show.
5.30 **Hart to Hart.** (r)
6.30 **News** with Fiona Armstrong.
6.40 **Highway.** With Sir Harry in Weston-Super-Mare.
7.15 **Catchphrase.** Hi-tech quiz game. (Oracle)
7.45 **Live from the Palladium.** Topping the bill tonight are Vic Damone and his wife, Diahann Carroll.
8.45 **News.**
9.00 **Scoop.** Evelyn Waugh's humorous novel, adapted by William Boyd. A case of mistaken identity sends William Boot, the nature correspondent of the *Daily Beast*, to the wilds of Africa searching for a civil war. Starring Michael Maloney. (see Choice)
11.15 **LWT news** headlines followed by **Cutter to Houston.** Flying doctor *series set in a remote* part of Texas.
12.10 **American Documentary: Can't Read, Can't Write.** Johnny Cash on the problems of adult illiteracy. Ends at **1.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **Sunday East** includes a short concert of Indian/Western classical pieces played on the veena and piano by Arunthathy Srikantha Rajah and Keith Barnard. Followed by **Deewarsia.** Drama serial.
10.00 **The World This Week.** *An examination of the* root cause of the crisis in Sri Lanka; and the prospects for President Alfonsin of Argentina.
11.00 **Superchamps.** Adventure sports for the young. (r) **11.30 Worzel Gummidge** (r) **12.00 The Tube.** (r)
2.00 **Rebecca, The Little Chimney Sweep,** and **Hand in Hand,** programmes for the young hearing impaired. (Oracle)
2.30 **Film: Samson and Delilah** (1949) starring Victor Mature and Hedy Lamarr. Biblical epic about the *strong man who* is brought to his knees by a haircut and a temptress. Directed by Cecil B DeMille.
4.50 **Film: The Specialist"** (1969) starring Bernard Miles as a country carpenter who specialises in making rural privies. Directed by James Hill.
5.15 **News** summary and weather followed by **Change of Owner.** A documentary examining the reasons why the Government is so keen on privatization, looking particularly at the case of British Telecom.
6.00 **International Gymnastics.** The Vitalite Champions All.
7.15 **The World at War.** Part 21 covers the final months of the conflict. (r) (Oracle)
8.15 **Dance on 4: Dance-Lines.** The first of a new series illustrating the diversity of dance today. Tonight's works are choreographed by Siobhan Davies and Ian Spink.
9.30 **The Hebrew Lesson.** An award-winning short, set in the early 1920s, about a young IRA patriot,on the run from the British, who takes refuge in a tenement attic where he meets an old Jewish pedlar. Directed by Wolf Mankowitz.
10.00 **Film: Song Without End** (1960) starring Dirk Bogarde. a fictionalized biography of the Hungarian composer, Franz Liszt. Directed by Charles Vidor and George Cukor. Ends at **12.30.**

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on *VHF (see below)*
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm.** then **2.0, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30, 12.0** midnight **6.00am** Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Includes **2.0-3.0** My Top Ten (Michael McDonald) **4.0-5.0** The New *American Chart Show* (Laura Gross) **6.30-7.30** In Concert (Los Lobos) **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Dixie Peach with the Midnight Runner Show. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00am** As Radio 1 **7.30** As Radio 2 **9.30** String Sound **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour until **1.00pm,** *then* **3.0, 6.0, 7.0** and hourly from **10.00.** Sports Desks **7.05am, 8.05, 9.02, 10.02, 11.02, 12.02pm, 10.02.** Cricket Scores **7.30pm 4.00am** David Yarnell **6.00** Steve Truelove **8.05** David Jacobs **10.00** Sounds of the 60s **11.00** Album Time **1.00pm** The News Huddlines **1.30** Sports on 2. Includes: Racing from Sandown Park, Cricket (Britannia Assurance County Championship) **5.00** Sports Report **6.00** Pop Score **6.30** Huddwinks: (Sony Award for the Best Use of Comedy) **7.00** The Press Gang **7.30** A Gilbert & Sullivan Festival **9.30** String Sound **9.40** Big Fight Special **10.45** Martin Kelner (joining VHF) **12.05am** Night Owls **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 *From the Weeklies* 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Finance News followed by Look Ahead 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter From America (until 10.30) 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Performing Early Music 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Saturday Special 2.00 News 2.01 Saturday Special 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 *Saturday Special* 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary (until 4.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Jazz For The Asking 9.00 News 9.01 Visions of Humanism 9.15 Week of Great Composers 9.30 People and Politics 10.00 News 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 New Ideas 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Nature Notebook 11.30 Anything Goes 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Play of the Week *Dragon* 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Hotel du Lac 2.30 Album Time 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 From our own Correspondent (until 3.30) 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Financial Review 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours (until 5.30) All times in GMT.

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Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Choosing to be unequal. Until **6.55**
6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Aubade: Weber (Symphony No 2: Bavarian RSO), Notari (Intenerite voi, lagrime mie), d'India (Alla guerra d'amore), Valentini (Varone, O carta amorosa: with Emmy Kirkby, soprano), Mendelssohn (Concerto in D minor for violin, strings: Franz Liszt CO). **8.00** *World Service* News
8.10 Aubade (contd): Copland (Appalachian Spring suite: Detroit SO, under Dorati). Forqueray (La ferrand; La régente: the Kuijkens, viole da gamba, and Kohnen, harpsichord), Bernstein (Divertimentos: Boston Pops). **9.00** News
9.05 Record Review: *Includes Edward* Seckerson's guide to recordings of Copland's Symphony No 3
10.15 Stereo release: works by Josquin des Pres, Lassus (Penitential Psalm No 2, and Psalm 31: Hilliard Ensemble), and Byrd (motets Fac cum servo tu Exsurge, Domine: Choir of New College, Oxford)
11.15 Young Dutch Musicians: Arthur Ensemble with Hermann Jeurissen (horn), Alwin Bar (piano). Including Arnold's Shanties for wind quintet, *Op 4*; Gounod's Melodies for horn and piano, No 1 in G minor; and Haydn's Five pieces for a music clock, H XIX, 2,22,25,27 and 28)
11.45 Robert Meyer Concert: BBC SO, with Simon Preston (organ). Berlioz (Roman Carnival overture), Debussy (Iberia: Images), Messiaen (*Transports de joie*), Lalo (Two aubades), Saint-Saens (Finale, Symphony No 3). **1.00** News
1.05 Early String Quartets: Salomon String Quartet perform Richter's Op 1 No 2, Holzbauer's in E flat, Haydn's Op 1 No 3, Albrechtsberger's in G
2.00 Flute and piano: James Dower and John Lenehan. Moscheles (Sonata Concertante in A, Op 44), Hindemith (Sonata)
2.45 My Childhood: Michael Deacon reads from Carl Nielsen's autobiography
3.00 Nielsen and Haydn: BBC Welsh SO, with Miriam Bowen (soprano), David Wilson-Johnson (baritone). Haydn (Symphony No 30), Nielsen (Symphony No 3)
4.00 Liszt: Michele Campanella (piano). Fantasia and Fugue on B.A.C.H., and Mephisto Waltz No 1
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: topics include Every Man in his Humour at the Mermaid and Definitely the Bahamas on Radio 3
6.35 Violin and piano. Eugene Sarbu and Gordon Back. Grieg (Sonata No 3), Vieuxtemps (Rondino Op 32, No 2), Brahms (*Sonata in D* minor Op 108)
7.30 La Giuditta: Scarlatti's oratorio. Part one. With London Baroque and soloists Argenta, Friday, Chance, Rogers and Varcoe
8.15 Debits and Credits: verse, read by Denys Hawthorne, Elaine Claxton and Martin Jarvis
8.35 La Giuditta: part two
9.20 The Ballad Thinker: Ronald Hayman on Brecht and music
10.05 BBC Scottish SO (under Maksymiuk). Sibelius (Symphony No 3), Stravinsky (*The Firebird* suite)
11.00 Another World: Gambian National Ensemble perform B B Darboe, Warra, Simbo, Senegambia and other works
11.57 *News* **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather; Travel
7.00 Today, inc **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30 News 7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather; Travel
8.25 The Weeklies **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway. Travel and leisure programme
10.00 News; Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin and guests
11.00 The Week in Westminster. With Peter Kellner, of the Independent
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad
11.55 The Weekend on 4
12.00 News; Money Box. Louise Botting with advice on personal finance
12.27 Just a Minute! Can Sheila Hancock, Tim Rice, Derek Nimmo and Kenneth Williams keep talking for a whole minute about anything? (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Joining John Timpson in Thurnby, Lincolnshire, are Kenneth Baker MP (Secretary of State for Education and Science), Anne Sofer (member of the SDP National Committee), Frances Morrel (leader of the ILEA), and Simon Jenkins (Sunday Times columnist)
2.00 News; Alistair Cooke's American Collection. The American Musical — The Great Age
2.30 The Afternoon Play. The Wide-Brimmed Hat by Michael Wall (r)(s)
4.00 News: International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from *around the world*
4.30 Science Now. Peter Evans reports on the latest developments and discovanes from the world's leading science laboratories
5.00 The Living World. Michael Clegg and Malcolm Coe answer listeners' questions
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather;
6.00 News: Sports round-up
6.25 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (s)
7.00 Saturday Night Theatre John and the King of the Zulus by Adrian Reid (s)
8.30 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records (s)
9.30 Thriller! The Possessors by John Christopher (4)
9.50 Ten to Ten. A reflection, with Eddie Neale (s) **9.58** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature. This Language Business. What efforts are Britain's businessmen making to learn foreign languages?
10.45 The Best Day of Your Life? Marjorie Lofthouse talks to Prof Maurice Wilkins, joint winner of the 1962 Nobel Prize for medicine
11.00 Nineteen Ninety Eight. Futuristic comedy drama starring David Threlfall (s).
11.30 Unnatural Acts. Late-night sit-com (s)
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options **4.00** Parents' Action Guide **4.30** Essays on Popular Music **5.00** Fit for What? **5.30** Euromagazine

Radio 1

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News on the half-hour until **11.30 am,** then at **2.30 pm, 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00 midnight. 6.00 am** Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **12.30** Jimmy Savile's Old Record Club **2.30** Sunday Live **3.30** Pop of the Form **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P *(with Culture* Rock). **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00 am** As Radio 2 **5.00 pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
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Radio 3

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6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Schubert Church Music: Mass in A flat major, D 678 (Bavarian RSO with soloists Donath, Fassbaender, Araiza and Fischer-Dieskau. Sawallisch conducts. **8.00** World Service News
8.10 Rostropovich: as soloist *in Dvorak's* Cello Concerto (Czech PO, conducted by Vaclav *Talich*), and Bernstein's Slaval (Israel PO, under the composer). **9.00** News
9.05 Your Concert Choice: Beethoven (Fidelio overture: Cleveland Orchestra under Szell), Delius (String Quartet: Brodsky Quartet), Ries (Piano Concerto No 3: Blumental, with Salzburg CO under Theodore Guschlbauer). Plus arias by Weber, sung by, inter alia, Elisabeth Schumann and Alexander Kipnis
10.30 Music Weekly: includes a conversation with Hans Moldenhauer about Webern and his manuscripts, and Hugh MacDonald on Mozart's church music. Also a review by David Fallows of two new books on medieval music
11.15 *Violin and piano:* Tomotada Soh and Dennis Lee. Beethoven (Spring sonata), Causson (Poeme), Waxman (Carmen fantasy)
12.15 Britten/Shostakovich Festival: City of London Sinfonia, Westminster Singers, Robert Cohen (cello), Martyn Hill (tenor), Stephen Roberts (baritone). Britten (A time there was, and Cantata misercordium, Op 69), and Shostakovich (Two Russian folk song arrangements *Op* 104; Cello Concerto No 1; and Five fragments for small orchestra). A recording of a Queen Elizabeth Hall concert on March 11
2.00 Brendel plays Schubert: part one. Sonata in C major, D 840, and Sonata in A minor, D 874
2.50 Musical Times Past: recorded music presented by Fritz Spiegl (r)
3.10 Brendel (continued): Schubert's Sonata in B flat major, D 960
4.00 Lindsay String Quartet: Haydn (Quartet in F, Op 50 No 5), Bartok (Quartet No 5), Cherubini (Quartet No 3)
5.30 The Little Platoon -the Long Struggle for the Falklands. First of eight Michael Charlton documentaries. (1) Bin Ends *of Empire. Contributors* include Michael Stewart, former Foreign Secretary, and Sir Ian Sinclair.
6.30 Sterndale Bennett and Haydn: Ulster Orchestra, with Malcolm Binns (piano). Sterndale Bennett (Piano Concerto No 1), Haydn (Symphony No 100)
7.25 A Question of Faith: Andrew Branch reads John Gohorry's story
7.45 Nabucco: Verdi's four-act opera, *sung in* Italian. Recorded at La Scala, Milan. The conductor: Riccardo Muti. *With Renato Bruson in* the title role and Ghena Dimitrova as Abigaille. Also on BBC2
10.20 Dyson's Delight: harpsichord music played by Ruth Dyson. Includes John Blow's Suite in D minor, Purcell's A New Ground, Thomas Ame's Sonata No 3, and Herbert Howells's Dyson's Delight, and Hughes's ballet
11.00 Bournemouth Sinfonietta (conducted by Roger Norrington) with Yitkin Seow (piano). Mozart (Piano Concerto No 14), and Haydn's *Overture in D*, Italian; and Symphony No 102
11.57 News **12.00** *Closedown*

Radio 4

LF (Long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
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7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm
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8.50 The Week's Good Cause (Colonel Guy Stocker's appeal on behalf of ex-servicemen) **8.55** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America
9.30 Morning Service (from Orsborn Memorial Halls, Boscombe)
10.15 The Archers
11.15 Pick of the Week. (Margaret Howard) (s)
12.15 Desert Island Discs. Frank Bough in conversation with Michael Parkinson (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World this Weekend. News **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Leander Horticultural and Conservation Society.
2.30 The Lord of the Rings (8) The Voice of Saruman (s) (r)
3.30 The Radio Programme (Laurie Taylor)
4.00 News; The Food Programme.
4.30 *The Radio* Correspondents (John Morgan on James Cameron)
5.00 News; Travel
5.05 Down Your Way. Brian Johnston visits Twickenham, Middlesex **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel
6.00 News
6.15 Australia Bound. Extracts from the diary of Richard Watt's 14-week journey to Brisbane in 1864. With Joan Leach and Pearce Quigley (as Watt)
6.30 Ray Gosling Gets a Taste Of Yiddish
7.00 The Robe. By Lloyd C Douglas (3) (s)
8.00 Bookshelf. Susan Hill presents the books programme
8.30 The Star, The Light, The Flame. A history of the English Church, from Fox's Book of Martyrs. Fox is played by Paul Rogers.(s)
9.00 News; Files by Nesta Pain, narrated by Michael Hordern, with music by Antony Hopkins (r)(s)
9.30 Forest Frontier. Anthony Smith goes on the trail of Amazonian bugs **9.55** Weather; Travel
10.00 *News*
10.15 The Sunday Feature. Imitations by Michael Butt. A version of the times spent together by sculptor Kathleen, Lady K

Managers protest too much as derby day dawns

By Ian Ross

The two men who have guaranteed that Merseyside's domination of the Football League championship will continue unwittingly united yesterday to take some of the gloss off a private affair which is now very much public property. Just 24 hours before the champions, Liverpool, engaged the heirs apparent to their throne, Everton, at Anfield, Kenny Dalglish and Howard Kendall, the respective managers, were found to be locked in a predictable psychological battle.

Ignoring the clear realities, both refused, with a measure of venom, to concede that the English game's great marathon could reach its climax at approximately 4.40pm today.

Dalglish, who conceded earlier in the week that an Everton victory would end his side's reign, changed his stance to declare that the battle would continue regardless of today's result. Kendall, much as he did two years ago, when Everton last won the championship, said there would be no celebration if his men won. "I still won't accept it is over even if we do lose," Dalglish said.

Kendall said: "We would never claim the title until it was mathematically impossible for anyone to catch us."

Despite the managers' protestations, an Everton win – very much on the cards, considering the form of the sides – would virtually ensure that the trophy comes to rest at Goodison Park. Everton, fuelled by the self-confidence that accompanies seven consecutive wins, enter the 136th League derby with a six-point advantage, a game in hand and a superior goal difference.

If Liverpool do slip to a sixth defeat in seven games today, their only hope of retaining the title would be to win their three remaining League fixtures by outlandish margins while Everton fail to gain one point from their last four games.

Kendall's reluctance to celebrate early is understandable. Twelve months ago Everton were clear favourites to win the championship but saw their hopes shattered by a Liverpool rally. Liverpool never give up when hope remains; Kendall knows this from bitter experience.

Dalglish has few options because of injuries, but Molby, the Danish international, is fit after a two-match absence with a hamstring injury.

Hooper, the former Wrexham goalkeeper, will definitely play, replacing Grobbelaar, who has been ruled out for the rest of the season after fracturing his right elbow during Monday's game against Manchester United.

With victory essential, Dalglish could well decide to play up front alongside Rush, who needs two goals in his last local derby before joining Juventus to equal Dixie Dean's all-time record of 19.

Kendall's side depends to a large extent on the overnight progress of Sheedy, the Republic of Ireland international, and Stevens, the England full back. Both are nursing minor problems and will be forced to endure late fitness tests. Reid, who was recalled to the England fold earlier in the week, has recovered from an ankle injury and will play. Sharp, the Scottish forward, who has been absent for almost three months with ankle trouble, is unavailable, so Clarke will partner Heath.

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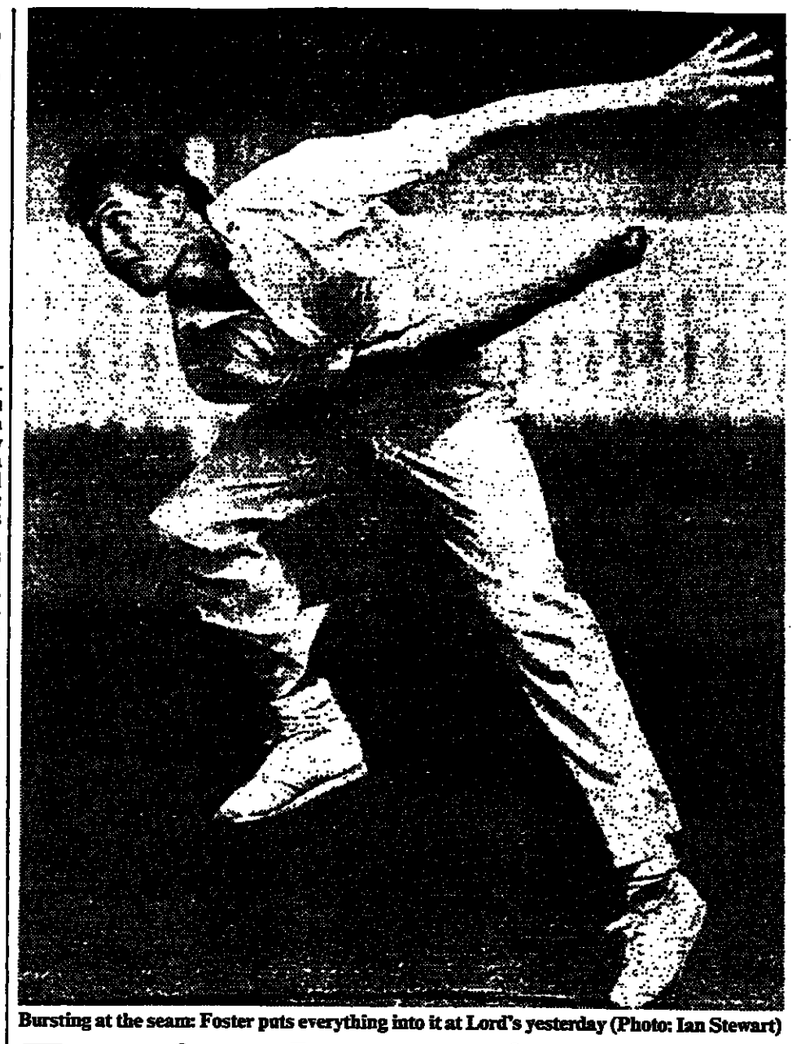
Dennis joins QPR

Mark Dennis, the Southampton left back who has one of the worst disciplinary records in football, signed for Queen's Park Rangers yesterday in a £50,000 deal. Dennis, sacked by Southampton and reinstated after appealing to the Football League, is now reunited with Jim Smith, his manager for four years at Birmingham City.

Dennis has been sent off on 10 occasions and has a charge of bringing the game into disrepute hanging over him.

● Dave Bassett, the Wimbledon manager, has been asked by the Football Association to explain comments he made after Wednesday's 2-2 home draw with Tottenham Hotspur.

● Kenny Jackett has withdrawn from Wales's European Championship qualifying game against Czechoslovakia at Wrexham next Wednesday.



Bursting at the seam: Foster puts everything into it at Lord's yesterday (Photo: Ian Stewart)

Sluggish over rate defies natural rhythm

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: MCC drew with Essex.

With nearly two hours of the match left, it looked as though MCC would beat Essex yesterday. Needing 303 in four hours the reigning county champions were 130 for six, which, at the time, was about what they were worth. But Pringle and East got their heads down, and in the end MCC settled for a draw still with 25 minutes left.

It was another beautiful day, but one mostly of rather moderate batting. Gooch got his first 50 of the season, Richards added another three catches behind the stumps to the five he took in Essex's first innings and MCC finished with four of the Lord's ground staff fielding for them.

Gatting, who took no active part in the day other than to declare the MCC innings, Metcalfe and Jarvis all had thigh strains (too many pre-season exercises, perhaps, and not enough nets) and in trying to catch Fletcher at slip off Thomas, Ontong suffered both a bruised finger and a cut lip.

The morning was taken up with MCC making sure of a lunchtime declaration, which they did at their leisure. When they fielded, Edmonds was in charge. Before lunch Essex bowled tidily, while Ontong batted cannily and Richards more perkily. It is extraordinary how anyone can have played the game so effectively for so long as Ontong and yet miss so many runs between the wickets. Even so, he scored 109 in the match without being out and will now be part of the selectors' considerations this season.

One of the bowlers of the year in 1986, Childs had to be content with 2.4 overs in MCC's second innings. Miller was not as lucky; he had one. There is the modern game for you. In a corresponding situation, when Gooch, the Essex captain, was a lad, a pair of spinners could have expected to have bowled 15 each, even on a pitch which, like this one, had something in it for the faster bowlers. In the match just finished the average over rate was barely 15 to the hour, a new and dreadful low with which to start the season.

When, eventually, Edmonds brought himself on in the Essex innings, 21 overs had been bowled in 105 minutes – an average, that is, of five minutes for each over that Thomas, Jarvis and DeFreitas had bowled. Thomas's 10 no-balls and one wide included. By then Gladwin and Hardie had been caught at the wicket, and DeFreitas had popped out Prichard's off stump.

Until Pringle and East came together only Gooch used the middle of the bat with any regularity, and when, having driven the first ball after tea for four, he was leg before to the second, Essex were 116 for four. Fletcher and Miller soon followed, whereafter, with Jarvis off the field, DeFreitas spent and Thomas still overstepping (he bowled 16 no-balls altogether) MCC made no further progress.

If this weather keeps up it will be as well to arrive early at Worcester this weekend, to see Botham setting off on his new tack. Out of Worcestershire's first 17 championship matches he will be available for only six if he gets into the England side (and that assumes he stays fit), so now is the time to see him. But it is not only there that they are hoping to pack the people in. There were more than 3,000 at Chelmsford on Good Friday, to watch Essex play a one-day friendly match against Northamptonshire. In Somerset, too, those looking forward to a new beginning greatly outnumber those who resent the need for one.

MCC: First Innings 297 for 5 dec (M W Gatting 111, R C Ontong 63 not out, J J Whitaker 52).

Essex: Second Innings	
A A Metcalfe lbw b Foster	6
R T Robinson c Pringle b Gooch	45
J J Whitaker c Fletcher b Foster	25
J E Morris lbw b Pringle	20
R C Ontong not out	46
P A J DeFreitas c Gooch b Pege	3
†C J Richards not out	38
Extras (lb4, nb1)	5
Total (5 wkts dec)	188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-71, 3-87, 4-114, 5-117.

BOWLING: Foster 20-7-32-2; Pege 18-5-57-1; Pringle 18-3-47-1; Gooch 9-1-32-1; Miller 1-1-0-0; Childs 2.4 0-16-0.

ESSEX: First Innings 183 (B R Hardie 79; P A J DeFreitas 5 for 62).

MCC: Second Innings	
*G A Gooch lbw b DeFreitas	55
C Gladwin c Richards b Thomas	18
B R Hardie c Richards b DeFreitas	10
P J Prichard b DeFreitas	2
D R Pringle not out	30
K W R Fletcher lbw b Jarvis	15
G Miller c Richards b DeFreitas	9
†D E East not out	38
Extras (b4, lb2, w1, nb16)	23
Total (6 wkts)	199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-61, 3-73, 4-116, 5-118, 6-130.

BOWLING: Thomas 13-3-62-1; DeFreitas 16-1-68-4; Jarvis 10-2-31-1; Edmonds 10-4-25-0; Robinson 2-0-7-0.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and R Julian.

Emotional campaign begins

By Andrew Longmore

Worcestershire's celebrated new signings, Ian Botham and Graham Dilley, will start the Britannic Assurance Championship season with mixed emotions today. For Botham, it means a fresh start to a career which ended sourly in his beloved Somerset, but for Dilley the match, against his former colleagues at Kent, will be an all-too-early reminder of his past.

Speaking on the eve of his championship debut for Worcestershire at New Road, Botham said: "I'm here for three years, I'm aiming to enjoy myself and Worcestershire are all I'm thinking about."

Mike Vockins, the Worcestershire secretary, is expecting an opening day crowd of 5,000, including a good proportion of the 1,800 new members recruited after Botham's signing, while Dilley admitted that he would ideally have preferred the match to have come later in the season.

Back in Somerset, Martin Crowe has arrived from Sri Lanka in time to be included in the team against Lancashire in preference to the county's other overseas player, Steve Waugh, who will make his debut for the county in a friendly match against Lancashire on Tuesday. The county's other new signings – Burns, Jones, Mallender and Rose – are included in the squad.

Elsewhere there will be plenty of new faces, many of them from overseas. Glamorgan will make a late decision on whether to play Corrie van Zyl, the South African fast bowler, who took five wickets against Gloucestershire in a friendly earlier this week, or Ravi Shastri, the Indian all-rounder, against Warwickshire, who look set to give a debut to their own South African, Alan Donald.

Winston Davis will face his compatriot, Malcolm Marshall, of Hampshire, on his debut for Northamptonshire.

The side most affected by injuries are Middlesex. Radley, Butcher, Williams and Cowans are already out and if Mike Gatting joins them, the Young England batsman, Mark Ramprakash will make his championship debut against Yorkshire, who have doubts about Metcalfe.

Woosnam in half-way lead

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Madrid

A second successive 67 enabled Ian Woosnam to continue his astonishing start to the season as he grasped the half-way lead in the Sepsa Open on the Puerta de Hierro course here yesterday. Woosnam, who has an aggregate of 134, which is 10 under par, has a two-stroke lead over Severiano Ballesteros (67) and Gordon J Brand (68).

Woosnam won the Hong Kong Open in March and he is now 57 under par for the seven tournaments in which he has competed this year. He began the European season by finishing fifth in the Morocco Open and after winning the Jersey Open he was only beaten in a play-off in the Suze Open in Cannes last Sunday by Ballesteros.

If Woosnam wins the first prize of £27,500 on offer here he will increase his earnings in Europe for this season to £66,602, which will provide the perfect foundation from which to achieve his objective of finishing No. 1 in the Epson Order of Merit.

"I was extremely disappointed not to receive an invitation to the US Masters," Woosnam said. "But I believe that if I can finish No. 1 then I might start to receive better recognition."

Woosnam accepts that he is playing the finest golf of his career. Even so he has been unhappy for some time with his putting, so before setting out in his second round he increased the length of his putter by one inch and he replaced the rubber grip with one of the leather variety.

"I'm an aggressive golfer and I love shooting for birdies," he said. "The trouble is I've been playing good enough to even think about breaking 60, but I haven't been making the kind of putts you need to in order to score that well. I was beginning to crouch too low over the ball so I put a one-inch plug in the top of the shaft of the putter and it's helped me to stand up more to the ball."

Woosnam, who also carried a new three-wood in his bag, was out in 32 and although he did not play with complete authority from tee to green over the last nine holes he kept his score intact by putting with greater confidence. He had holed putts of 10 feet at the 7th and 8th and he made another of a similar distance for a birdie at the 13th.

Ballesteros persisted with his intriguing habit of having his brother Vicente attend the flag even for putts of three feet. Even so it appeared to be of little assistance to him at the seventh where he took three putts after missing from three feet.

The Spaniard, however, finished his round by holing from 10 feet for birdies at the 17th and 18th.

Leading second round scores (GB unless stated): 134: I Woosnam, 67, 67. 136: S Ballesteros (Sp), 69, 67; G J Brand, 68, 68. 137: D Durnian, 69, 68. 139: I Mosey, 69, 70; J Rivero (Sp), 69, 70; J M Olazabal (Sp), 70, 69. 140: W Grady (Aus), 67, 73; H Clark, 72, 68. 141: D J Russell, 71, 70; B Bell, 64, 77; P Curry, 70, 71; N Faldo, 70, 71; J Cañizares (Sp), 72, 69; M Allen (US), 70, 71. 142: J Bland (SA), 68, 74. 143: N Hansen, 67, 76; S Torrance, 71, 72; M Pinero (Sp), 69, 74; J Fawkes (SA), 72, 71; M Mouland, 73, 70; G Turner (NZ), 68, 75; O Sellburg (Swe), 71, 72.

Plea over Hick's term

Worcestershire yesterday appealed to the Lord's authorities to give Graeme Hick, their outstanding batsman, aged 20, a quicker route into the England Test team.

Zimbabwean-born Hick must wait until 1994 before he can play for England, having completed only three of his 10-year mandatory term.

"We are hoping Graeme's qualifications will be cut to seven years, but it should still only be five in a case like his," said Mike Jones, the Worcester committee chairman.

"It's a tragic waste of a Test-class batsman. England are being deprived of a great talent. The rules are too harsh because Hick comes from a non-Test playing country.

"Even if his qualification was cut to seven years, it would mean he could play in four years but even that is too long. It is no good saying he might play for England. He would walk into the England team."

Last year Hick, who has always stated his desire to play for England, became the youngest player to score 2,000 runs in an English season.

Hick's case will be reviewed this summer by the Test and County Cricket Board's registration committee and in the meantime the batting prodigy has already declared his intention to try his luck in New Zealand cricket.

Violence threatens Australia tour

Melbourne (AFP) – Australia's cricket tour of Sri Lanka in September is in doubt, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) spokesman, Ian McDonald said yesterday, because of the upsurge of violence which forced the recall of New Zealand's team this week.

About 300 people have been killed in Sri Lanka in the past week in attacks the government has blamed on Tamil separatists.

McDonald said the ACB would keep a close watch on events in Sri Lanka during the next few months before deciding whether the 18-day tour would proceed.

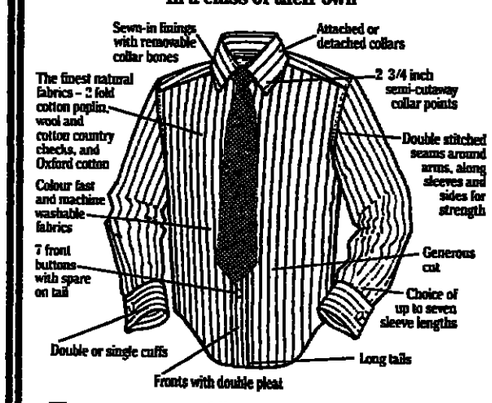
"You can definitely say that we are not prepared to put the team in any sort of danger and the situation would have to significantly improve," he said. "In fairness to the Sri Lankan cricket people we will not be making any rushed decisions."

The Australians have agreed to play one Test, three limited-over internationals and a three-day game in the island, before travelling on to the Indian subcontinent for the World Cup in October and November.

"The matter will probably be discussed initially when the World Cup team is picked at the end of next month. Then we'll see what happens after that," McDonald added.

● Dickie Bird and David Shepherd will be England's two umpires at the World Cup in India and Pakistan. Bird is England's most experienced umpire with 35 Tests, while Shepherd has stood in four.

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Davis hovers on brink of victory

By Sydney Friskin

Steve Davis, attempting to win the Embassy World title for the fourth time, was only one frame away from his place in the quarter-finals at Sheffield yesterday when he led Ray Reardon, a world champion on six previous occasions, 12-4, after a devastating display of top-class snooker.

Pushing his work-rate up, Davis was remorselessly exact as Reardon went deeper in error. Resuming the day's play at 5-3, he marched inexorably on with substantial breaks, the best of which were 76 and 74.

In seven frames, Reardon had aggregated only 92 points, but he did salvage something from the last frame of the day when he made a smooth break of 100 and there was a generous handshake from Davis for the man who only momentarily showed a glimpse of his former greatness.

The Scottish champion, Stephen Hendry, aged 18, was level at 4-4 with Steve Longworth at the end of the first session of their match which will also be resumed this morning. A break of 73 enabled Hendry to level at 3-3, and he went ahead only to have his advantage neutralized by Longworth who was so far ahead that Hendry conceded the eighth frame with one red left.

The champion Joe Johnson, still struggling to recover his form, took a 10-6 lead over Murdo MacLeod of Scotland, in their 25-frame second round match. At the first interval yesterday the score was 8-4 in favour of Johnson. MacLeod won the last frame yesterday afternoon with a supporting break of 40.

Neither Alex Higgins nor Terry Griffiths was in a particular hurry when their second round match began in the morning, two hours having been spent for the first four frames. Higgins lost the first on the black ball, went 2-1 ahead but Griffiths, steering a steadier course, levelled at 2-2.

The fourth frame had lasted 35 minutes but Higgins won the fifth in 11 minutes with supporting breaks of 46 and 32. He shot 4-2 ahead and after Griffiths had cleared the table with a break of 73, Higgins went ahead at 5-3 having had a slight edge on an unattractive match.

Dene O'Kane of New Zealand, aged 24, cannot wait for his second round match against the Welsh champion, Doug Mountjoy, starting tomorrow. Mountjoy, who only recently regained the Welsh title, is a seasoned campaigner but after 1981 when he lost the world championship final to Davis he has been out of the limelight, having just been able to keep afloat among the world's top 16.

O'Kane, whose world ranking is 39, needs a few more points to achieve his ambition of moving into the top 32.

RESULTS: First round: Thursday: D O'Kane (NZ) bt C Thorburn (Can), 10-5. Frame scores (O'Kane first): 13-64, 8-100, 6-69, 81-8, 8-78, 6-75, 82-4, 68-60, 57-20, 125-8, 128-0, 84-60, 78-15, 59-38, 66-2. Second Round: S Davis (Eng) leads R Reardon (Wales), 12-4. Frame scores (Davis first): 28-71, 12-85, 73-27, 15-117, 105-0, 62-26, 84-2, 78-0, 75-14, 98-8, 85-17, 82-10, 91-9, 75-15, 85-19, 0-100.

Swiss win

Monopoli, Italy (AP) – Urs Freuler, of Switzerland, won a packed sprint in this southern Italian city yesterday to take the third and penultimate stage of the Tour of Apulia cycling race. The Swiss cyclist covered the 187km in 5hr 06min 12sec.

Armytage's status at risk

By Alan Lee

Gee Armytage is about to pay the penalty for her popularity. The jockey who has captivated National Hunt racing followers with spectacular winners at the major meetings this winter, now looks certain to lose her amateur status.

The Jockey Club confirmed yesterday that her case will be discussed by the licensing committee when the jump-racing season ends next month and Miss Armytage, although reluctant to turn professional, fears she may have no choice.

Only this week Miss Armytage received the Piper Champagne award as rider of the season, the first time the honour has gone to a woman or an amateur.

She made her name at the Cheltenham Festival, where she won on the aptly named Gee-A and the ill-fated The Ellier. At Aintree, earlier this month, she defied a painful leg injury to ride a dramatic winning finish, again on Gee-A, before, in a blaze of publicity, being forced to accept she was not fit enough to partner The Ellier in the Grand National.

Despite her sudden celebrity status, however, the only criterion used by the Jockey Club when examining a rider's right to remain amateur is altogether more fundamental. They record the number of rides an amateur has had in open races, where the amateur could be construed as depriving professionals of their living.

Last summer, three amateurs, Tim Thomson Jones, Tim Reed and Mark Thompson, were all warned that they were exceeding the Jockey Club's idea of a reasonable figure. Thomson Jones, the champion amateur, retained his status with a promise that he would reduce his ride against professionals but restrictions were placed upon Reed, who has since turned professional, and Thompson.

Miss Armytage, aged 21, rode in 75 races against professionals last season, as against Thomson Jones's 84, Reed's 94 and Thompson's 137. This season, with five weeks remaining, she has ridden in 97, a figure exceeded only by the Northern based teenager, Jamie Osborne, who has already stated he will voluntarily turn professional next season.

Two-year ban for trainer

The Newmarket trainer Barney Curley has been disqualified for two years by the Jockey Club after being found guilty of causing "serious damage to the interests of British racing."

The surprise ban, one of the most serious handed out at Portman Square in recent years, came after a two-and-a-half hour inquiry, and will take effect next Friday. Curley immediately vowed that he would fight the ban all the way to the High Court if necessary.

The inquiry followed the committee's dismissal last December of Curley's complaint about Graham Bradley's riding of Robin Goodfellow in an Ascot Novice Hurdle in November. Curley, well known as a big gambler, had a large bet on Toby Balding's gelding that day, but the 13-8 favourite was beaten eight lengths by Teletrader.

Two weeks later, Robin Goodfellow, again ridden by Bradley, met Teletrader at Sandown on identical terms and this time won, with Teletrader nine lengths back in third. It was following this race that Curley made his complaint.

After the meeting the Irishman said: "I feel shattered. The decision is an absolute disgrace. They conned me into coming here without a solicitor. They said they would have no solicitor if I didn't, but they had one in there."

He added: "I shall be consulting my solicitors now. This is only the beginning, and I'm prepared to fight this all the way to the High Court. I don't know whether I want to continue living in England after this."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Kelly wins in Spain

Albacete, Spain (Reuter) – Sean Kelly, of Ireland, sprinted to victory in the first stage of the Tour of Spain cycle race from Benidorm to Albacete yesterday to snatch the overall lead from Jean-Luc Vandenbroucke, the Belgian who won Thursday's preliminary race.

Kelly clocked 5hr 49min 56sec at an average speed of 37.550kph over the 219-kilometre stage.



Kelly: early leader

Musyoki date

Mike Musyoki, the reigning champion who set a world best in the Pearl Assurance Great North run last year, will be among the 25,000 runners who are expected to take part in this year's race on Sunday, June 21.

Wilkie waits

David Wilkie, Britain's 1976 Olympic swimming champion, could know on Sunday whether his bid to be reinstated as an amateur is successful. Wilkie, aged 33, who wants to compete in next year's Olympic Games, will have his case discussed by the council of the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association.

Crooks offer

Hull Rugby League club are prepared to sell their captain and Great Britain international forward Lee Crooks to ease their financial problems. Hull have already had offers of more than £100,000 from Leeds and Wakefield Trinity for Crooks, aged 23, who has been a near automatic choice for the international side in the past three years.

Foul play

Brazzaville (AFP) – Police baton-charged the Zaire football team after they attacked the referee at the end of a match with Congo in the Central African Games here. The Zaire players were angry that the Ethiopian official, Bekele Kidane, had overruled their claims for a penalty.